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(Ruth 2:16)

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PREFACE



The contents of this book are taken from the weekly devotions which were sent by email to the remnant of God both in India and abroad. This was also available on the Website - oilnwine.org for those who browse the net. The weekly devotions have been a great blessing to many across the globe. We have received many encouraging responses in the past. We were led by the Lord to print these devotions and distribute them to the saints on Sunday. We did this during the last two years in the local church in New Delhi. This had a very good impact on the lives of God's people. Some of them made copies and distributed the devotion to other believers. Some others filed them into a folder so that they could read them and be encouraged whenever they chose to do so.

Recently, the Lord laid upon my heart to gather these fragments into one basket so that the hungry may feed upon them in these end times. When I was prayerfully contemplating about this the Holy

Spirit stirred my heart with a Scripture portion from the Book of Ruth. The Lord opened the Book of Ruth to me in 1983 and it revolutionized my life and ministry. He enlightened my spiritual eyes with many end time principles about His glorious Church from these scriptures. Recently, I was inspired in my spirit by these words. "And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not. So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley. And she took it up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed." (Ruth 2:16-18). Ruth is a wonderful picture of the overcoming church in the end times. She speaks of the remnant of God in this hour that will move on into the fullness in Christ. Ruth was so hungry and she worked hard to glean in the fields of Boaz. Boaz saw her hunger and told the reapers to "let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her and leave them, that she may glean them"

The Holy Spirit helped me to name the book, "Handfuls Of Purpose". This book is for the hungry that yearn for more of God and are willing to glean in the fields of the Heavenly Boaz, Jesus Christ our Lord! Ruth gleaned till the evening. She was not satisfied with a few handfuls that she gathered. She was hungry and went on gathering till night fall. What a wonderful picture of the Bride of Christ, the Church that hungers for Him and all that He has! It was not that Ruth found handfuls of barley but it was Boaz who had purposed to leave it there for her. This is what the Heavenly Boaz is doing in this very hour for His Church! Saints, the amount is measured not by what is supplied but by the faith the gatherer has!

She not only gathered handfuls of barley but she also beat it out or threshed what she had gleaned. This means that she did not just gather and store it somewhere but she appropriated it. She rightly divided (2 Tim 2:15) what she gleaned. In verse 18 we read that Ruth gave some portion to Naomi also after she had eaten.

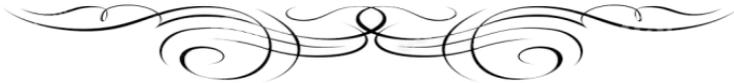
Beloved, we are called to be part of that Ruth company in this hour who hunger for more of Christ and all that Christ has for His Church in these end times. Today God's remnant is scattered across the world. I pray that this book may reach those hungry ones who will glean and gather handfuls of purpose. If you are hungry, our Heavenly Boaz will give you more than you can gather for He has a heart that wants to bless you in this hour. Saints, His heart is enlarged toward His Church, His Bride. Every article in this book was extracted from one of our published books. The name of the book is mentioned that the reader could glean further! Dearly beloved in the Lord, let me say again as I conclude this preface: the amount you gather is measured not by the supply but by the faith of the gatherer! I pray that the Holy Spirit would open your eyes to see the riches that we have in Christ Jesus! Amen!

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Beloved, it is good to know that there is no jealousy or competition among the heavenly host over the fact that fallen humanity has been chosen of God to be the Bride of the Lamb through His own shed blood. There is no resentment in the heavens that God has chosen the Church to sit with Jesus upon His Father's throne to rule and reign with Him. They wilfully and joyfully work with Him in the fulfilling of His purposes.

Saints of God, God had His ultimate purposes in mind when the Church was birthed into this world. Everything He has done and is doing in the Church is in accordance with a divine foreordained design. Truth is being restored in the right order as Jesus preordained. And each step of restoration is designed to bring the Church to her last-day ministry. There can be no rapture of the Church before the restoration, for the Scripture says, *“And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven*

must receive (retain) until the times of restitution (restoration) of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.” (Acts 3: 20 -21).

If the only thing Jesus has left for the Church to receive was a sovereign rapture, with no preparation and participation by the saints in these end-times, then He could have raptured the Church any time during the last 2000 years. The fact is that He has not raptured the Church so far, despite the cries and shouts of the people according to their own desires and after their favourite doctrines. He has not translated the Church because there is a special work that He wants to accomplish in and through the last generation or the end-time Church.

May I declare to God’s people that the Church of God is not in suspended animation, awaiting the restoration of natural Israel or the fullness of wickedness in the world. The Jews will undoubtedly be restored back to the economy of God, through the blood of the Lamb, as will everyone else be. The world’s cup of iniquity will undoubtedly become



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full, but that is not what has prolonged the duration of the Church Age. There is a work of preparation and restoration that must be accomplished in the Church before Christ Jesus can fulfil His ultimate purpose for and through the Church. He must come to His Church in full restoration before He comes for His Church in translation. Every restorational work of the Holy Spirit has been aimed at progressively preparing the Church for this day and hour. The next restoration can only be brought forth through the living generation of the mortal Church (saints alive) in the earth.

From 'The Destiny Of The Church', Chapter Five



“I WILL RESTORE”



Today, the Church seems to be without hope. It is as though she has put on rags. There is no one to care for her. She looks poor and pathetic. But that is not what the Word of God says. Jesus says, *“I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it”* (Matthew 16:18). God does not intend His church to be without glory and power. He is coming back for a glorious body of believers. He is coming for a people who have grown into His full height and stature. How many believe that God is a God of restoration? Our God is indeed a God of restoration. He says in His Word, *“I will restore to you the years that the locusts hath eaten”* (Joel 2:25).

In Ephesians 5: 25, 26, Paul writes that our Lord Jesus Christ is going to come to cleanse the Church. He is going to come with a bucket of water and soap which is the Word of God to cleanse the Church. He is going to cleanse His bride from all her filth and uncleanness. The Lord has also

got a refiner's fire. So He is coming with fire and water to cleanse the House of God. The Bible says, "*For the time is come that judgment must begin at the House of God.*" (1 Peter 4:17). Before He comes with His saints, in all His glory and majesty, He will first manifest Himself in His church the body of Christ—which is His bride, the temple of God.

Let us see how the Lord is going to bring us to that place of maturity. Before the Lord Jesus was lifted up, He said that He would not leave the disciples as orphans, but that He would send them a Helper, the Holy Spirit. "And then you shall receive power," Jesus said. In the Gospels we see Jesus Christ with the disciples; in the book of Acts we see the Holy Spirit with the disciples. And in the Epistles we see the Spirit of God functioning and moving in the Body of Christ.

When Jesus was ascending into the heavenlies, the Word of God says, "*He gave some apostles and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers*" (Ephesians 4:11). He gave everything He had for the band of people called the 'apostles.' He gave His Word to them & He gave His ministry to them. He gave them His authority. He gave them His power. And He said,



THE HOLY SPIRIT AND GOD ORDAINED MINISTRIES ARE GOD'S PROVISION FOR BRINGING HIS CHURCH TO HER INTENDED DESTINY.
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“Go and do this work in the earth”.

Paul gives more details about the five-fold ministries in chapter four of the book of Ephesians. Jesus said that we in the church, need the five-fold ministries to grow and develop into the fullness of the Son, even unto His full stature. *“Till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ”.* (Ephesians 4:13).

From ‘Knowing the times in God’, Chapter Three



VISION AND PROGRESSION



People who lack a vision in their lives will be those who finally perish in the wilderness of their lives. When people come across difficult situations, it is the vision they have that can sustain them. Over the years, we have seen that people come to the local body; they see that it is the place where they should be, they identify with the environment and the gathering together of saints, they participate in all the church activities; but these are not the components of a vision. When one tells such ones the way of obedience, the way of the cross and when one begins to rebuke, exhort and even correct them, it becomes so difficult to reach them.

And in due time a hardness sets in and then it becomes so difficult to reach them. I can say with all my heart that I have seen many people perish in the wilderness of their lives because they have lacked a vision—even a vision of the glorious church that shall enter the fulness in Christ.

The Israelites were a people who constantly looked over their shoulders. They looked backwards, at things gone and past. They preferred to turn back, having put their hand on the plow. Jesus said that one was never to look back. 'And Jesus said unto him, *No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. (Luke 9:62)* It is most damaging to look backwards; the backward look is indeed dangerous, for it can cause one to fall back.

Remember Lot's wife. It was those Israelites who lacked a vision who were most serious about turning back to Egypt. Many people are in the habit of looking backwards to past revivals in the church.

More than often this hinders their progress in the present move of God in their lives. They think about the revival in the times of Finney or in the times of Wesley and look at present times in the light of the past events.

They look back to the movements of God in the past and they think that God will do something now in the same way as He did in the past. They are gripped by what happened in the past, and they are unable to perceive things with a fresh and open attitude. Many people pray for revival as it had happened in the past. In the



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days to come, God will move in a new and fresh manner so that we may look to Him rather than to the past. And we need to pray for that fresh work of God, rather than the stale work of the dead past. Many get frustrated because they expect to see something happen now as it happened in the past. But God will not oblige such people by merely copying the past. There are several spiritual men who vainly attempt to restore the structure of the kingdom of God as they have known in the past. But God is looking for new wine in new wineskins. God's restoration is always progressive and in the realm of development and unfolding revelation.

Beloved, a vision is not a castle in the air! A vision is not a daydream; it is not the hope of a carnal heart; it is not an ideal in our life. It is what God wants one to be. If we let God fashion us as He wants upon the potter's wheel, then we shall surely turn out to be what He shows us in His vision. But if we murmur and lose heart, then we have ourselves to blame. God had given the Israelites a vision of the Promised Land – Canaan – but the majority of the Israelites had no patience. When God gives us a vision, He often brings us to the valley to break us and prepare us and make the vision real in us. It is here, in the valley, when one is pushed around that we are apt to say, 'Its no use to go on'. Often people dwell in the valley or in the wilderness of their lives. They live a defeated, discouraged and demoralized life. But every vision will be made real if we have faith and patience.

From 'The New Generation Arise', Chapter Three



GOVERNED BY A DIVINE VISION



When we look at the church realm today, we cannot but see that it is in a pathetic condition. Although the whole world is in a deplorable state one feels extremely grieved to find that even the church is in so pathetic condition. But we must have faith to understand that God is not going to leave His Church in this shoddy condition. God is surely going to cause His Church to become the hope of this dying world. The Scripture says in the book of Romans chapter 8 verses 22 and 23 that *the whole creation is groaning and waiting for something more from God. I want to declare that God has not seen defeat so far.* Our God is a triumphant God. Our God is seated upon victories. There is no such thing as defeat in God or in God's Word. God is always and shall always be a God of victory.

Now at times, in our lives, it may seem as if defeat is at hand; there are occasions that look as though one is losing; but God's people should know the tremendous truth that

in God's kingdom, when one is losing, one is gaining; while one is dying, one is alive. In suffering we reign with Him. There are situations in our lives where we may seem to be defeated, but as we continue to believe and trust in God's Word, we place our footsteps upon a victory stand. And therefore, our God is a God of victory. God has never accepted defeat even at the fall of man in the Garden of Eden. Even there He was ever the Victor, for He has said clearly that He that is the Seed of the woman shall crush his (serpent's) head. It may seem at times that we are the loser but in fact we are putting our feet upon a victory stand. God is bringing about a victory in our lives He is in the process of bringing forth His purposes in these last days. He is sure to perform that which He has spoken through the mouths of the prophets of old.

In the King James Version, the above verse reads, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." In another version, it is written that where there is no progressive redemptive revelation of God, people live carelessly. It is very necessary for us to have a vision and an understanding of the things of God for this time. It is so sad that in the Christian world today, we find a different kind of vision – a different kind of vision is kept before the



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people. But we must have a proper understanding of the things of God. Many have a vision to talk about the Lord regardless of whether they live the Word or not! We see that there are many kinds of people with many kinds of visions. But there is one vision that we all ought to have. The Word of God shows this to us when it says, “Be ye holy as I am holy” (I Peter 1:16). He did not tell us to do miracles as He does miracles; He did not tell us to do wonders as He does wonders; but He said very clearly, “be ye holy even as I am holy”. This shows that we are to grow into His nature. We see in the New Testament that the Lord’s calling for us is to grow into the full stature and height of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is looking for a people who will live and demonstrate His life upon this earth. Let this vision govern our lives.



HEARING GOD'S VOICE



Jesus stated to Pilate: “*Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice*” (John 18:37). The message to us is clear: if you have God’s Spirit in you, then you will hear and know His voice!

Yet we live in a day when many voices clamor for our attention. Paul warned: “*There are...so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification [meaning]*” (1 Corinthians 14:10).

Perhaps you have had the experience of many other Christians: when you pray, seeking to hear and know God’s voice, your mind is flooded with all kinds of voices. You may wonder, “How can I distinguish the voice of God from my own flesh? How can I be sure it is God speaking, and not the voice of a tempting spirit?”

Let me share with you one principle on this matter of hearing and knowing His voice: **If You Are Living in Sin, You Will Never Hear God's Voice!**

If you are indulging in some secret sin, you can be sure you really won't be hearing God's voice. That is because you already know what He will say to you – and you don't want to hear it!

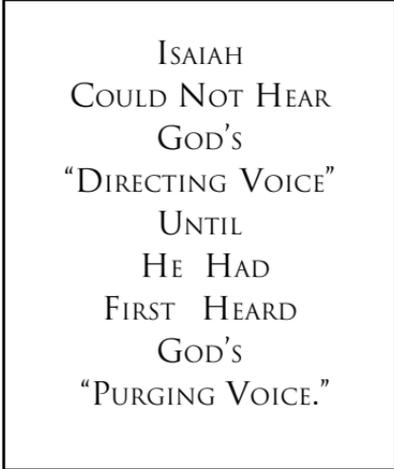
When Adam and Eve sinned, it brought shame. And with that shame came guilt, fear and condemnation. This shame is called “nakedness” in the Old Testament – and being naked meant standing in God's presence clothed only with guilt. *“And the Lord called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself”* (Genesis 3:9-10). Adam hid from God's voice, because of the guilt and shame of his sin. And that is exactly where many of God's people are today - hiding, afraid to hear God speak!

Beloved, if you want to hear God's voice, you have to be ready for a total cleansing. You must be willing to have every sin exposed and cast away! The prophet Isaiah had an awesome vision of the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up. Seraphim covered themselves with their wings because of the holy presence of God. They cried out: *“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory”* (Isaiah 6:3).

God's voice was so mighty it shook the temple. And at the sound of it, the righteous prophet Isaiah fell on his face, crying: *"Woe is me for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts"* (Isaiah 6:5).

Isaiah was stricken with a sense of sin and uncleanness because God's voice is a purging voice! *"Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged"* (Isaiah 6: 6-7).

Isaiah could not hear God's "directing voice" until he had first heard His "purging voice." You see, direction and guidance come only after purging because if you haven't been purged, you can't go any farther with the Lord. Yet thousands upon thousands of God's people



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today flock to meetings to get a quick, "cure-all" word from God. They want a prophet to lay hands on them - to tell them what to do and what the future holds. Most of what they hear, however, is flattery: "Thou shalt be mightily used of God!"; "Thou shalt be a witness to the nations!"; "Thou

shalt be blessed and prosperous!” How many of these people do you think would flock to meetings if the “star preacher” pointed a finger at their heart and gave them the purging Word of God: “You’re still unclean - you never have let go of your secret sin! You have no vision of Jesus’ holiness. Hear His voice - repent!

If you want to hear God’s voice of direction, you must first be ready to have your soul purged and cleansed. His Word comes to pierce our conscience and expose wickedness so that He can use us!



HEARING THE WORD BUT MISSING THE VOICE



Saints, none of the leaders of the five churches mentioned in the book of Revelation were aware of the true spiritual condition of their churches. They were not only unaware of the true condition of their own lives, they even had no spiritual intelligence concerning the spiritual state of the churches they led. All of them suffered from a sense of complacency and self-satisfaction. They had a high opinion about themselves and their churches. Perhaps others also had high opinion about them. They could not hear what the Lord had to say to them, because they were not open to the Holy Spirit.

Saints, if we walk according to our own ideas, judgments, evaluations and opinions, or even by the appreciations and opinions of other people, then it will be difficult for us to hear the Lord our God. The leaders of the five churches in the book of Revelation were not open to the ministrations of the Spirit and were caught up with their ministry, their

work, their missions, their plans and programmes. They were so busy preparing messages for others that they could not receive a message from the Lord! What a dangerous place they were in? They were running ‘the show’, ‘the ministry’, and ‘the organization’. They thought that they were reaching out to others with what they had received from the Lord, but they had no time to hear the voice of the Spirit in their lives. They could not hear what the Spirit had to say to the churches. They were not available to the Lord to see their own need! This tragedy can happen to those who are complacent and are so caught up with their work. Hence, they could not be freed from the things of the flesh and of the self.

Most of the leaders of these churches in Revelation felt that they held venerated appointments and positions as leaders; they felt that the anointing upon their ministry was a permanent matter, something they could hold on to despite the condition of

their personal lives. That is a dangerous place to be in. I have met men who thought they would never lose their anointing because they had been placed in the church by the Lord! In the first century, we see that the leaders of the church were not elected by the people or chosen by a selection board or a



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ECCLESIASTES 4:13 (AMPLIFIED)

governing body.

The placement of leaders in the early churches was not like what we have in most churches today: the leaders were appointed of God like Paul and the other apostles. This was the pattern throughout the early church, right till the beginning of the second century. The leaders were spiritual giants in comparison with the leaders of today. Be that as it may, it is not difficult to see that the thought of losing their anointing would not have crossed their mind. So, even though they were great leaders, pride set in and they became spiritually defunct. In time, they became lukewarm; they compromised with the world; their pride became a stumbling block.

Pride brought them to a place of spiritual hardness, where they could not hear the Lord. They could not even scrutinize and measure their lives in the light of the reality of the Word. They felt their lives were readily acceptable, looking at their status, their positions and the honour that others gave them. In a sense, they were blinded and lost their ability to hear the Spirit, as happened to King Saul in the Old Testament. Remember, King Saul had a good and humble beginning, but finally lost his anointing and the kingdom as well. This is what is happening in many churches. Spiritual understanding is very different from natural understanding. That is why it can happen that we hear the Word, but miss the Voice!

From 'The Call Of The Remnant', Chapter Seven



THE 'ISAIAH EXPERIENCE'



The Bible tells us that when Uzziah became a strong king, his heart was lifted up unto his destruction. Soon he acquired a rebellious spirit and went into the temple of God with a censor to burn incense upon the altar – the offering of which was the sole prerogative of the priests. When Azariah, the chief priest, confronted him with the reality, Uzziah got angry and behaved in a rebellious way. Uzziah's self-righteous, arrogant and presumptuous ways were judged by God, and he was smitten with leprosy.



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How many times have God's people rebelled and got angry after receiving correction in the house of God? Instead of moving to sorrowful repentance, many of us have vented their displeasure and even anger against the ministers? Many insisted on going their own way when corrected and confronted with the truth. Many times we come into the house of God to make an offering to God in our own understanding - censured filled with unacceptable and unauthorized offerings! We insist on doing something before God that appeals to our own knowledge and understanding. When it comes to our secular jobs, we would never do things our own way, displaying our anger on being corrected, lest we lose our job and be thrown out!

Beloved, we need to be open to the working of the Holy Spirit. If we remain open and yielded, we will be convicted of our offensive ways and mentalities, which we often insist upon in approaching God and in doing His things. What we need is burning lips and a hot heart! That is what I call the 'Isaiah' experience. A single hot coal from His altar will burn our lips and will cure our problems, will change our ways, and will change our past pursuits. Receiving a burning coal in the house of God will change us – it is able to perform a great work in our lives. What we need is burning lips that have been touched by burning coals. If the eyes of God's people are able to behold the Lord, then inward change will be their constant companion. The Lord's people should cry out to God to show His glory.

Let the cry of our hearts be: “Lord, You have told us to seek Your face. Lord, now we gather in our immaturity even to seek Your face. Lord, show us Your glory.” Instead, majority of His people are trotting around in diapers of immaturity. We do not even know what we are doing. We know that the ‘Father’ is in the house and we are hunting for Him!

Beloved, we don’t have to be mature people to seek the Lord. We can seek the face of the Father even as infants. The Lord will never refuse the cry of His children. He longs to reveal His face to His children. Remember Moses who cried, “Father, show me Your glory”. This has got to be the longing of our hearts. Despite what we are, we need to cry out to God to turn to His people. And, as we behold His face, we shall be changed from one measure to another, from a lower degree of life to a higher one, from one level of glory to a higher level!

From ‘Discovering Gods Presence , Chapter Five



REACHING FORTH



Reading through chapter three of the book of Philippians, one cannot fail to be overawed by the manner in which Apostle Paul was caught up with the things of God. One sees him totally absorbed in apprehending that for which he was apprehended. Not only does one see a man who had a deep longing to attain the mark or goal that was set before him, but one also sees him constantly ‘stretching forth’ to know Him and the power of His resurrection. What a dynamic example for any Christian!

Beloved, this is the mentality the Lord would like us to have in these days. Be like Apostle Paul who was not content with the revelations he had, but rather desired to possess more and more of the reality of the Lord in his life.

Today the Christian hierarchy no longer urges the adherents of their faith to reach forth to those higher things which God has called them for. They preach that it is enough

to be born again, that it is sufficient if they have trusted in Christ unto salvation. And therefore, the majority of Christians are unable to taste of that which is God's best.

There is a school of thought that declares that once we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, we possess everything that He Himself had, and that all we need to do is to claim those promises. They say, "You claim—you get it". Another view is that when we accept Jesus into our lives, we have all that we confess, for He has completed all that was needed to be done. They say, "You confess it—you have it".

They encourage believers to ask for every worldly need, and to believe that 'God shall supply every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus'. How different these views are compared to those of Apostle Paul who having received so much, yet declared that he had not yet attained everything that God had to offer. And for this reason he always strived to attain more, to move on, and to go yet a little deeper into the things of God.

The goal before Apostle Paul was to grow into the fulness of Christ Jesus. He was



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not satisfied with rudiments of Christian life which are *repentance, faith toward God, new life in Christ, baptisms of water and Holy Spirit, doctrines of resurrection and eternal judgment* (Hebrews 6:1-2).

Beloved, spiritual maturity is not something that will fall into your lap during a revival meeting. True maturity involves manifesting the very life of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is not something that can be obtained by confessing, believing or claiming. Rather we need to daily press on, in faith and obedience, to the high calling upon our lives—that our inner man may grow to the likeness and full stature of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no scope to fully ‘stretch forth’ or to reach out to this tremendous goal in Christ Jesus whilst we sit in a rocking chair. Indeed all our natural faculties, our senses, our energy and our whole being need to be directed Godward, trusting and abiding in the Lord, to fulfill His will in our lives. But let us not fall into error and attempt to use human psychology and the wisdom of man, to attain what God has set before us, in the heavenly or spiritual realm. Let us beware of the emphasis, in some quarters, to rely upon abilities and virtues to attain that which is spiritual.

Let us not also fall into the trap of believing that we have already acquired our inheritance in the Lord, and therefore no longer need to reach forth unto higher and deeper dimensions in Him.

From 'Discovering Gods Presence', Chapter Five



THE CALL AND THE PREPARATION



Many times God's people are content to be pleased about God's call upon their lives. It often happens that after a prophecy, believers are keen to seek the fulfillment of that prophecy. They want the prophecy to be fulfilled immediately. However, they do not realize the cost involved, and the preparation that has yet to take place in their lives to fulfill the prophecy.

Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. (Jeremiah 1:6-7)

God's call upon our lives, as individuals, as families, or as the family of God, always comes with a price tag. We must not forget that the call of God comes to us, irrespective of our age, with a price tag and a preparatory work. Before we can come into the things of God, our lives need to be

subjected to a work of preparation, on which there comes a seal of eternity. This is not like the seal of some Bible college or Christian institution. There are many who can provide a human seal of acceptance, but there has to be a divine seal of eternity upon our lives before God is able to use us. This is a part of the calling in Christ Jesus. We can see that divine seal over Jeremiah's life and ministry. There is a preparation under the hand of God that goes beyond the preparations of man for ministry.

A second outstanding fact in connection with Jeremiah's call is his own shrinking away from the tasks he faced. "Ah, Lord God!" he cried, "*behold I cannot speak: for I am a child*" (*Jeremiah 1:6*). He was, of course, not a child in the literal sense, for he would have been over twenty. But he felt he was like a child in knowledge and experience; he was especially apprehensive of being unfit to hold a prophetic office on the grounds of a conscious lack of the gift of utterances. This is a striking illustration of the mysterious working of the sovereign will of God. In His wisdom, He chose as 'a prophet unto the nations', a man apparently unfit by temperament and aptitude for



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A third feature of vital significance in Jeremiah's call was the special equipment which he received for his life-work. This equipment was symbolized by the touch of the Divine hand on his mouth, an action which was accompanied by the explanatory assurance, *'Behold I have put my words in thy mouth...'* (*Jeremiah 2:9*).

The twice-repeated 'Thou shalt' of this solemn charge - 'Thou shalt go', and 'Thou shalt speak' - swept aside the young prophet's objections, and made it plain to him that he must subject himself unreservedly to the authority of his Divine Master, with respect alike to the sphere of his labour and to the character of his message. But the word of command was followed by a word of gracious encouragement: 'Be not afraid of their faces; for I am with thee, to deliver thee.' Hostile faces there certainly would be in plenty - brows lowered in resentment, eyes flashing in hatred, and lips curled in scorn or clamorous in denunciation. But here was a promise of the Lord's own presence throughout all the days, and in that fact lay for Jeremiah a guarantee of strength and protection amid all the difficulties and dangers of his future ministry. Saints, the prophet certainly needed a full share of courage, for few men have ever been confronted with a more formidable task.

Jeremiah realized the depths and the intensity of things he was being led into, the intensely painful things that he would have to undergo and the tremendous strength he would need.

From 'A Prophetic Voice Against The Times'



THE HIGH PRIESTS' INTERCESSION



The Lord Jesus Christ “hath appeared to put away SIN”. He has already appeared once at the cross of Calvary, to deal with our sins once and for all. This was His first appearance unto mankind.

Let our hearts be filled with gratitude for what JESUS has already done at the cross of Calvary. He has faithfully suffered and appeared at the cross, in order that we may be delivered from the curse of sin.

“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, NOW TO APPEAR in the presence of God for us.” (Hebrews 9:24)

This verse quite clearly points out that He is now appearing in the presence of the Father. So the second appearance of Christ for us is in the Most Holy Place in the

heavenlies before the Father. Our Lord is standing before the Father for our sakes NOW - at this present time.

Many people know, acknowledge and confess that Jesus has appeared for them, as a substitute, at ‘the brazen altar’, which is the cross of Calvary, so that they may be forgiven their sins. But few realize that there is a Jesus who is alive, and who is standing before the Father NOW for His people. We need to be aware that Jesus has not only appeared for our sakes in the past, but that He is now appearing before the Father for us.

The Holy Spirit would like us to understand that Jesus Christ has a ministry even at this present juncture, while He is before the Father. Most of us are aware of the ministry of the Lord upon this earth, but few know that there is yet another ministry of the Lord, while He is in the heavenlies.

Our High Priest has entered the heavenly Tabernacle to continue His ministry to His people. He has a dynamic, on-going, progressive ministry even NOW, before the Father’s throne, in order that we may come into full salvation. *“But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.” (Hebrews 7:24-25)*



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Jesus Christ 'ever liveth to make intercession' for us. He is alive in order that He may make petitions and intercessions for us. He is actively engaged in an ever-present ministry. Let us not think that when Jesus ascended into the heavens, He ceased to minister to His people. This Jesus Christ, having ascended, is not resting; but He is appearing before the Father to intercede for His people. He shall not come into rest until the purpose for which the Father sent Him to the earth, is accomplished and comes to pass.

In John chapter 17:9, Jesus prayed thus, *"I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine"*. He is appearing before the Father for His people only; for He is our intercessor even now. *"Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost (completely, perfectly, finally and for all time and eternity) those who come to God through Him, since He is always living to make petition to God and intercede with Him and intervene for them."* (Hebrews 7:25)

Our High Priest also had appeared at the cross of Calvary, which is symbolically the brazen altar, to put away sin; then He entered the heavenly Most Holy Place with His precious blood, where He is now appearing before the Father to intercede for His people; and finally, He shall also appear before a people who are waiting for Him. Beloved, may the Holy Spirit reveal to us all that our High Priest did for us, is doing for us, and will do for us!

From 'The Three Appearances', Chapter Two





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SHADOWS AND REALITY



There is so much of confusion in the Church today because of false or wrong interpretations from the Book of Revelation. For example in Chapter 4 of Revelation, the Lord said to John, ‘*Come up hither and I will show thee things which must be hereafter*’. This is interpreted as the rapture of the church before the Great Tribulation. The Christian community has interpreted this verse to speak of the catching away of the saints. The Words, “Come up here’ are interpreted as a call to the Church to go away from the earth before the tribulation. Such interpretations are more than ever a product of man’s own mind and intellect.

God uses symbolic language so that only His bond servants are able to fathom its depths. Yes, He will unveil them only to His bond servants. Let us take another example from the book of Revelation Chapter 14

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

foreheads.

And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Here again the language is symbolic. The Lamb is not literal, nor is Mount Zion literal, nor even are the beasts literal! Everyone agrees and acknowledges that these are typological and symbolical. However, when it comes to the words, "These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins." in verse four, then many interpret them as being natural and not symbolic. People have interpreted this to mean that the 144,000 are those who have not been married. Is this not surprising? They say that to be a part of the 144,000 people which were redeemed from the earth, it is necessary to be unmarried. What is surprising is that there are Christian denominations that support and believe these wrong teachings.

Actually, this speaks about those saints who have not been defiled by “Babylon the Mother of Harlots” (see Rev 17:5). Let’s not forget that a ‘mother’ is one who has daughters! The “woman” here talks about Babylon, the false church. There is a Christian world that is so deeply caught up with similar kind of erroneous interpretations. Truly we have to be very careful in interpreting spiritual matters. Many are caught up with what appears to be the right teaching typologically, but they miss out on the correct understanding of Scripture. They are not able to focus their attention on Christ and hence their teachings are wide off the mark. Consequently, they lose the most central and essential aspect of Christian life, which is Christ. Thus, they miss the spiritual reality of the symbolic language. That is the danger that anyone can fall into and that is why we have to be very careful.



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It is good that some people teach end-time truths, but it is sad that they get caught up with typological teaching and interpretation and thereby miss the Original, Christ Himself. Our focus must always be on the Lord who is the Lamb. The Holy Spirit will always lead us to the true spiritual reality, which is Christ Himself.

From ‘The New Jerusalem’, Chapter Eight



“COME UP”



Beloved, God is extending this privilege to “come up” to some in this hour! This is God’s undying principle. May this principle be active in our lives! A people are ascending the heights in Christ Jesus and they are receiving a vision of God. This does not happen automatically by virtue of being a part of the company of saints who teach and believe such truth! No. Each one needs to maintain a spiritual life within; one needs to maintain a taste and fitness for the heights. Let us praise God that there are some who are slowly coming into a vision of God in these days.

God is revealing Himself to a people in this hour and they are getting a vision of His purposes, and His Holy City, the New Jerusalem. The thought in Exodus 24 conveys that there was an invitation from God to come up. *“And they went up and they saw.”* It begins with a personal invitation to come away from the present world. The religious world with all its husks and dunghill, customs and traditions,

routines, activities and personal interests must be put aside. Our routines and interests may seem to be good and profitable to us and we may be caught up in these good things, but we are to leave these and come up to the mount of God! In Revelation 4, the Lord told John to come up. When John saw the condition of the churches in his time, he was greatly discouraged. These churches which had a splendid beginning had lost their focus and purpose of their calling. The Lord judged them and found them wanting! They moved away from God’s original, initial and primal purpose. His counsel to them was to repent or else He would remove them from the Candlestick.. In the midst of such decline and deterioration, John still heard the Lord. John was invited to “come up” to meet Him. We are living in similar times.

The churches have lost the original, primal and initial purpose of God. John experienced an open door of heaven and saw the One who sat upon the throne. This is our need today! Oh, if only we could hear His voice and the invitation to come up! Saints we need to hear Him and we



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also need to desire to go up to Him in these terrible times of apostasy and decline. Our need is to “come up” and behold Him. If we look around, we will be discouraged and will be

overcome by the things around us. Saints, we need to experience something real and eternal, something that will bring us in touch with His divine presence. God's people need to turn away from this downward trend and maintain a spiritual ascendancy in our lives. The invitation to Moses and others to go up to the mount was not only a personal one but a corporate one. The Scripture says, *"And they saw"* (Exod 24:10). "They" refers to a remnant of His people and a many-member-man. I feel that an individual seeing will bring us to a corporate 'seeing' too.

How important it is to have a people who would see together what is upon the heart of the Lord! But this is not automatic; it depends on our openness and our separation unto the Lord. God had something to share with Moses. Therefore, the Lord told Moses to "come up". Then the Lord gave him the description, the pattern and the blue print of the Tabernacle which is given in Chapters 25 to 40 of the Book of Exodus. Saints, remember, if the Lord is calling you up, it means that the Lord desires to unfold something to you.

What God speaks is not quite likely to be something that you want to hear, but it would be something that God has upon His heart for you, individually and corporately.



A NEW GENERATION MOVES ON



Israel to whom the promise was first made did not enter in because of unbelief. (Heb 4:6). They doubted the Lord who brought them till the very borders of the 'Promised Land'. They questioned His command to enter in, they had reservations about His assurance. They hesitated in entering into the land. In their unbelief, they sent the spies to spy the land, for 40 long days, they tried the Lord! God's wrath was kindled against that unbelieving generation! 'After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.' (Numbers 14:34,31) What an indictment! Their progress came to a standstill! Though they journeyed they did not progress! From that day their journeys were not to the land! How tragic! They were merely marking time! They were just filling days! But from that day, there arose another generation! A new generation destined to the 'Promised Land'!

‘But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.’ While the new generation was destined to enter in, the old generation merely became a part of the crowd, their destiny was not the ‘Promised Land’, they were not moving towards the land!

They were with that new generation but they will not make it to the land! Beloved, those who began well, now became a part of the crowd! They were just spending their days without making it to the end! What a tragedy! But a new generation was moving on to the vision, to the land, to their destiny. *Hallelujah*

This is so true even today. A majority, a generation who had begun well, with a genuine desire for the Lord are just filling their days while a new generation is moving on in Him and journeying to their destiny. In the Old Testament times their journeyings meant physical moving from one place to another. But in our dispensation, our journeyings are in a spiritual way.



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When we read through the New Testament we learn that our 'going on' spiritually means obeying what the Lord speaks to us! Saints of God, we do not move on merely by hearing or even by being told! We do not become this new generation merely because we have read about it or heard about it. No. The Lord may speak to us, we may hear His word, we may hear all the teachings He gives us. We may know the truth.

We may have had it for many years. Yet with all that, we may be standing still, we may be like that old generation who were inching closer to their grave and further and further from their calling! So moving on is not a matter of knowing what the truth is! It is neither knowing what He says! It is a matter of obeying what He says. Moving on in Him is a matter of doing what He says. That is the only way for 'going on' or for true progression!

Today, there are those who hear the truth, know it and even can share and teach it to others. But they are not moving on in the Lord. Yet there are those who are not only hearing the truth and what He says, but obeying His voice in their lives and they are the new generation, moving on to their destiny and land in Christ. Oh! May God help you and me! God wants all to go on but He does not push any one!

From 'The New generation Arise', Chapter Six



THE JOURNEY OF TRANSITION



The men of faith in the Old Testament continually took a spiritual journey of transition from the earthly into the heavenly. Men like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and many others, continued to walk in this way all their days. Even today, those who walk in this heavenly path cannot be at ease. That is why we read, "*Woe unto him who is at ease in Zion.*" (Amos 6:1). They were continually in a pilgrimage, in a state of transition.

We are in a state of change from earthliness to heavenliness. If we step off the moving escalator at any point and leave, there is a great danger that the entire spiritual structure of our lives will collapse. We must recognise that there can be no let-up in pressing forward unto perfection. The moment we begin to be at ease, we are actually on the way down. The pull towards the earthly is so strong, that unless we go on exerting maximum pressure in an upward direction, we shall not succeed. It is so easy to

lose what the Holy Spirit has built into us. If one relaxes one's hold on the upward trend in one's life, for even a short time, then one will find oneself going down. This is a reality. If we are cold or lukewarm in any way, our spiritual lives will come crashing down like a house of cards in no time. Moreover, when we fail to hold our lives upward, we are actually already on the way down. Many people are not able to discern that they are going down spiritually. They are not able to discern the downward motion in their lives. The whole trend of the earth is downward. If you do not hold on to the upward call, if that upward power is not in action, your spiritual life will easily go down. If we leave things as they are, they will surely go down. A downward trend is the natural way of life. We do not have to do anything to bring it down for it goes down naturally.

Imagine that you have a patch of land which you have converted into a beautiful garden. As long as you water it and take care of it, things will proceed well. But, weeds will take over, the moment you stop caring for the tender shoots and delicate

plants. All that you have to do is to stop looking after that stretch of land and over a period of time it will become a



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wilderness. Undesirable wild plants, weeds and thistles will occupy the ground and your garden will soon be a messy place. You don't have to plant weeds and thistles; they come up ever so naturally. Beloved, this is true concerning the garden of your life as well. If we remove that upward Hand from our lives, we will go downward without much difficulty. That is why we need to get together as often as possible. We have times for testimonies, Bible studies, worship and prayer so that we may maintain the upward trend in our lives. This is true concerning all those who are walking in this heavenly path. The downward pull is so strong that if we do not hold on tightly to heavenly things, we will lose our grip and fall down. Soon we will find that we have begun to settle down in the earthly realm.

While we are walking on this narrow path, we will experience a great pressure to settle down and also to end this long drawn conflict. Isn't it true that we are often prompted to come out of the stress that is a part of this path?

Several believers prefer to settle down in the earthly realm because it is less costly. We are not only up against powers and principalities, but also against this tendency to be at ease!

From 'The Pursuit Of A Heavenly Path', Chapter Three



GOD'S PREDESTINATED PLAN



The Apostle Paul says that Christ Jesus suffered and died that He might bring “many sons unto glory.” (*Hebrews* 2: 10). The glory referred to here is Christ’s image, likeness and manifested glory and power. The Holy Spirit has been commissioned to take His people from “glory to glory” until the Church reaches Christ’s perfect image, fullness and maturity. This is God’s pre-destined plan. We human beings cannot change it. He has purposed it in eternity and He is working it now after the counsel of His own will.

God’s predestinated plan is for each individual believer to grow until he or she becomes a fully matured son of God. The spirit in us, or our own spirit, is as pure and clean as it can ever be when it is cleansed by the blood of Jesus. In other words, we are perfect as new born babes in God’s sight. We no longer have a record of a sinful past. Instead, there is a glorious future in Christ, before us. We have an imputed righteousness, which is imputed as soon as we receive Christ

into our lives. However, beloved, it requires a process of time for redeemed man to appropriate all the attributes of the divine nature of which we have been made partakers. Gods people must be transformed in their thinking, attitudes character, emotions and will. They must be transformed in all areas of the soul, which includes the mind, emotions and will. Apostle Paul says “*who delivered us from so great a death and doth deliver; in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us*” (II Corinthians 1: 10). In other words, the spirit of man has been redeemed, the soul is being redeemed, and the body shall be redeemed. It is a progressive salvation.

This is the full salvation, the “so great salvation” which we should not neglect. There are many who speak in unbelief and say that the Church cannot come into the realm and dimension of perfect life in the earth. People often say, “We cannot be perfect”; they ask, “How can the Church be perfected?”; they say, “It is not possible.”



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The Bible commands God’s people to be perfect throughout their lives. The Scripture shows that, “And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram , and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.” (Genesis 17: 1) Again in *Deuteronomy* 18: 13 the

Lord says, "Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God." The Lord Jesus instructs, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (*Matthew 5: 48*). The Apostle James exhorts, "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." (*James 1: 4*). Now, how can this be possible? It implies a life that is pleasing and acceptable to God during each stage of its progressive growth. There are two kinds or two types of perfection - a progressive perfection and an ultimate perfection.

Let me illustrate progressive perfection by taking the example of a normal healthy baby. A one month old baby, is not able to walk or talk, has no teeth and spends most of the day lying in bed, drinking milk from a bottle. The baby is perfect for its age; at that stage of its life, it can do no better. We can say so because that is all it is supposed to be and expected to do at that stage of its growth. If it tries to be more than it is capable of being, it would frustrate its spirit, confuse its mind and disrupt its emotional peace and joy.

If that baby has no bodily disease and eats, drinks, rests and exercises sufficiently, it will grow to be as big, and strong and capable as any other adult. If the normal growth process stops, for some reason, before it reaches maturity, it will never attain full manhood. Until the hindrance to its growth is corrected. In other words, it will not be able to be progressively perfect.

From 'The Destiny of the Church', Chapter Five



A PREPARED PEOPLE



In the life and ministry of John the Baptist, he was called of God to prepare a way for the Lord. The object of his ministry was to prepare a people who would be sanctified for the Lord. The principle is that for the Lord to move on in His purpose, there needs to be a people prepared of the Lord. This is made clear in the Old and the New Testaments which come together in the time and ministry of John the Baptist. For this reason his times are of particular significance to us. We can see the overlap when we consider the prophecies of Malachi and those in the New Testament.

The New Testament clearly shows that the purpose of John's ministry was to prepare a people for the Lord. The prophecies of Malachi are echoed in the Gospels that tell of Elijah who would go before and prepare a people, securing a people for the Lord, so that God could move on to fulfill His purpose. The Lord Jesus spoke of the fulfillment of the prophecy of Malachi saying, "And if ye will receive it, this is

Elias, which was to come” (Mat 11:14).

John the Baptist lived before the face of the Lord, preparing a way for the Lord and for the preparation of a people for the Lord. He secured a people prepared for the Lord. The ground on which the Lord will work seems to be the ground of a separated people who are sanctified for the Lord. Seeing this principle, we need to give ourselves for God to have a separated people, a sanctified people, a people prepared of the Lord, for God’s purpose to be fulfilled in this generation.

The Lord Jesus came into a prepared place at that point of time in the Father’s will, so that the Father could fulfill His purpose. The Gospel of Mark clearly shows how Jesus entered into His ministry and thus arrived on to the platform, or the stage, at the age of 30



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years of age. It is significant that Jesus came into the ministry at the age of thirty. That is the age that God had set for the Levites to begin their ministry (Num 4:3). The Lord came as an anointed individual to fulfill the prophecy of Malachi at the age of thirty.

We see Him fulfilling the Levitical ministry of service unto the Lord in a greater, fuller way. Christ is the perfect fulfillment of the Levitical principle. We see how Jesus bore a testimony for the onward move of God, and for its coming into fulfillment.

Saints, it is necessary to gather the truth from all directions, and to have a testimony of the Lord, so that it is abundantly clear, that for the onward move of God to reach its full end, the Lord must have a people who embody all that is meant by the sanctified and separated life. We see this wonderful principle in the Lord Himself and the Lord wants to see the principle in us as well. The onward move of God, the fulfillment of that which the Lord has purposed rests upon His remnant; this responsibility rests upon a people, a company of people, who are sanctified and prepared and who have separated themselves unto the Lord.

From 'God Shall be for a Sanctuary', Chapter Three



ZION!



Zion is not a place in heaven; it is a realm in God. People have misunderstood the true meaning of Zion. In reality it is quite different from what people have thought. Today, the emphasis is that, when we are born again by the Spirit of God, we find a berth in heaven after our death. This is Scriptural no doubt, but the early disciples did not give such an emphasis to their messages. Nor did this form the major part of the teaching of the early apostles.

When a person accepts Jesus as His Saviour and Lord, the important thing is that the person has come to a new place or realm. He has not only become a new person in Christ but he has also come to a new place in Christ. Yes, he has come to Zion, the city of God, and the place of the consummation of all things in Christ. Many of us understand that we have become new beings in Christ (*“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”* 2

Corinthians 5:17), but not many realise that we have come to a new place also. It must be a revelation to our spirit that we have not only received a new life but have come into a new place and realm in God. Just as the Israelites, in the Old Covenant, came out of Egypt and saw Zion on the horizon as a reality in their lives, so we of the New Covenant have also come to the reality of Zion in our lives. The Scripture does not say that we are coming to Mt. Zion but that we have already come to Mt Zion, which is the picture of the consummation of all things in Christ.

It took the Israelites forty-one years to move from Egypt to the borders of Canaan and several more years to make Zion their habitation. The children of Israel moved from place to place, one step at a time, in their journey to their utopia. There is a mention of these 'journeys' in the book of Numbers, more than in any other book of the Old Testament.

'Journeys' and 'journeyed' are words that are repeated again and again. It is interesting to see that in the New Testament, the words 'come', 'cometh' and 'coming', signifying an 'arriving,' figures in greater abundance. We have come to Mt Zion whereas they were journeying to Mt Zion. In the olden days, the Lord spoke to the prophets on different occasions, here a little and there a little. God moved the people forward in stages, as from one tabernacle to the other. But now in the New Covenant, all things are centred round Christ.

Zion talks of a people — a people living and walking in the complete and perfect work of Christ. Though Zion talks of Jesus Christ as a Person; it also talks of a people in the complete and perfect work of Christ. It is an inclusive and comprehensive term. In other words, it applies to people who have an understanding of the all-inclusive and all comprehending thought and intentions of God in His Son. Zion is God's portrait of a corporate people - a people who are in the good of the complete and perfect work of the Lord Jesus Christ - a people who are the vessel of that work of the Lord which is complete. Hallelujah!

From 'Ye Are Come Unto Mount Zion - Vol I', Chapter Four



THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY



Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
II Thes 2:3,4

The Apostle Paul says that there is a mystery of iniquity; a mystery of lawlessness. He says that there is a man who sits in the temple, the mystery of iniquity, the spirit of antichrist, saying that he is Christ, saying that he is god! Saints, there is a 'mystery' of doing one's own thing and going one's own way that springs from the spirit of anti-Christ. Such a spirit sits in the temple of our being and says he is god. What does this tell us? We have seen how strong our own will is. The self, the soul, the will of man sits in this temple of our body and proclaims that it is god. Often we

are able to see this spirit of the anti-Christ working in us. Of course we don't see any thing or any spirit entering into us, but a spirit that is against all that God is, rises up within us. That 'spirit of iniquity' (doing our own thing) works in us and is often at work to negate the things of God. It sits in the temple of our body and enjoys manipulating our will, our ways, our desires, and our affections. This 'spirit of iniquity' resists the things of the Lord.

Some believers say that they have no other choice but to do their own things in their own way. But this is a sure sign of the working of the spirit of iniquity. If we examine our lives carefully we will be able to see that many times the evil one sits as god upon the throne of our lives reiterating that in reality he is our god. We see the reality of this in the decisions we often make, we see it in our insistence to continue in our own ways despite the counsels of God. When we are unwilling to change our will and our ways, the spirit that is working in us is often the spirit of iniquity.

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They say that what they have said or spoken cannot be changed! They are not prepared to change what they have said. Though they may have given their word to someone, does that mean they have pledged their life to them and that nothing can be changed? Certainly not! So I ask them, have you not given your word to the Lord and promised to do His will? How about keeping your word to Him? Have you not given your life to the Lord? For many believers their promises to men are far more important than their word or promises to God. It is strange. It is very clear that they do not want to give up their will, their way and their decision!

There are many who say, "Not your will Lord. In this matter I need my own will." To give their word to someone and to hold on to that wrong choice and decision will eventually take them away from God. One wrong decision in life will lead to many other wrong decisions. Therefore, we need to be open to God or else the enemy will not hesitate to pick us out as flies.

From 'The New Jerusalem', Chapter Ten



THE SAINTS SHALL JUDGE THE WORLD



“Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?”

“Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?”

“Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more the things that pertain to this life.”

1 Corinthians 6: 1 - 3

We need to know, even as the Lord reminded the Corinthian church, that **we are called to be a part of the bride to make war and to judge the earth.** The saints at Corinth were called to judge the world and even the angels but they failed to judge their lives! Now if we have such a high calling why do we live at such a low level - where we are involved in quarreling, back-biting, and many other deeds of unrighteousness? As we are called to judge the

world, why do we not first judge ourselves and our own lives? So many of us have deep-seated, uncommitted desires. So many have complex problems, ego hassles, personality quirks and secret pursuits after the flesh. Yet, we do not judge our lives.

Beloved, we are called to judge our lives according to the living Word and not according to the lives of other believers or the opinions of man. The living Word is of God. It creates within us the desires of His heart. The living, creative word proceeds from the mouth of the Lord and it comes to pass simply because the Lord has spoken it to obedient hearts. We are to judge our lives by the living word of God that is able to change our thought patterns, our motives, and the deep set desires of the natural man. Unless we first judge ourselves we can in no way be in a position to judge others. *“If then ye have judgments of things judge who are least esteemed in the church. I speak to your shame. Is it so, there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?”* (1 Corinthians 6: 4, 5)



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Beloved, is there anything in your heart towards another brother or even a neighbour? God is not going to minimize His purposes; He is not going to reduce His standards so that

the saints will qualify. This is a serious word for all those who are hearing the voice of the Spirit in this hour. The unrighteous, the unholy and the uncircumcised shall not walk this way. Those who desire and thirst after this call of God shall definitely prevail and press into higher things in the Lord. Let it be our prayer to be a people who will judge the affairs of our daily lives till we are found to be acceptable in the sight of the Lord.

The apostle Paul said, *"For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord."* (1 Corinthians 4:4) He was not evading or escaping the responsibility of judging his own life. He depended upon the judgment of God. The judgments of God are very different from our own judgments. When the children of Israel sinned against God, they were immediately subjected to the divine judgments of God in one form or another. At the same time the gentiles were living in sin and continued to live in sin but God never judged them. The reason for this is that God's judgments towards His people are always given in love and mercy. That is why we read, *"For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged."* (1 Corinthians 11:31). When we are judged by God we are chastened of the Lord so that we should not be condemned by the world. Surely God is looking upon His people with mercy so that we may judge our lives and qualify to judge the earth as His bride .

From 'The Bride Of The Lamb - Part II', Chapter One



POSSESSING THE GATES OF THE ENEMY



“...let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.”
Genesis 24:60

Before God’s people, the church, God’s Israel today, begins to wage war against the enemies they need a revelation about the enemies; and she needs to know who these enemies are. We need a revelation about these since the promise to us is that the church will possess the gate of the enemy.

O beloved, may the Spirit help us to understand that all things in heaven and earth are going to be gathered in One which is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head and even the church which is His Body. Glory to God.

Let us all know for sure that the world is the enemy of the bride. Those of the world abuse and misuse the things of God. They despise the ways and the things of God. But the Lord

would like to show us that there are other enemies as well. There are some 'nations' living in this land of our lives. Our real enemies are the nations of our own hearts. These enemies will surely try to hinder our journey and progress to the heart of God. **Before the people of God possess the gate of the enemy they need to overcome the enemies within.** If we keep our lives open, the Spirit of God will reveal the nature and characteristics of the abominable nations that are dwelling within us. *"And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?"*
 1 Peter 3:13

Who will harm us if we pursue the truth? When we pursue after the truth having cleansed our inward life that indeed can come against us? When we reach such a state, surely we shall move towards the gate of the enemy. But before that there needs to be an overcoming of the nations that dwell within us. When we begin to seek and follow after the Lord's mind then one who is rich will come to realize that he is actually a poor man. He will come to understand that he cannot put his trust in riches. And he will become poor in the sight of the Lord. The rich in the midst of God's people will begin to feed the poor. The ones who are poor will begin to know that, contrary to the



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thinking of the world, they are in fact the ones who are rich in the sight of the Lord. The wise amongst us will discover that they have no wisdom. The ones who think that they are unwise will begin to say, “The wisdom of God is precious in my life.” The ones who are mighty and strong will begin to realize that they are weak before the Lord.

Many of us are proud of our selves, our education, our abilities, our personality and good looks. When we realize, by the help of the Spirit, that this is nothing, we will begin to humble ourselves before God and God’s ministries. May we have a revelation about ourselves.

The church cannot move towards and possess the gates of her enemies until and unless each and everyone of us overcomes the enemies within. Let every pride be taken out of our lives; let there be deliverance in the area of sin and unrighteousness in our lives. Because of pride we are deprived of many things in the Lord. The Lord wants us to move as a bride against the enemy and possess all things. And not only that, this bride must learn to submit to the Lord in her life. She must become prisoners of His love and His grace. Submitting our lives to the Lord Jesus will bring each of us true joy. Today there are many people who do what they think is right in the name of the Lord. **But at the same time there is the true bride who is learning to submit to the Lord and remain the prisoners of His love and His grace.**

From ‘The Bride Of The Lamb - Part Ii’, Chapter Three





CHURCH



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“SHOW THE HOUSE...”



Ezekiel 43

10 Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern.

11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.”

When we look into the Christian realm from the largest to the smallest, whether they are churches, denominations or the many ‘things’ going on in the name of the Lord, what do we see? Look at the state of things,

even among the Spirit-filled believers and the fundamentalists. Is this what God is looking for in His people?

Is God looking down from heaven and focusing His attention upon or looking for any of these things? Do the 'things' His children do interest Him at all? Is He impressed with the pomp and show and all the display of man's achievements before God? Do our ecclesiastical and ministerial procedures impress the Almighty? Does He look down upon them and their things with admiration and wonder?

Is there any one who thinks like this, "Lord, when You look down from heaven, do You expect to see such 'things' from Your people? Lord, do the things that are going on here interest Your Being? Lord, how interested are You in the things we do - these camp meetings and Conventions we hold year after year? How do you look at our jumbo out-reach conventions, mega programs, leaders conferences and workshops?" How many are really concerned with what concerns God? Is God impressed? Does God look down at us and wonder what His children are doing; does He ever say in amazement, "Look at what



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Beloved, **God's mind is not set on the things that concern most churches and denominations.** Their activities seldom reflect His mind and thought. Let them not think that all that they are doing meets with God's interests and are being done from God's point of view. O, there is a sore need for God's people to be open to God's thoughts. God's people need to see all things in the way that God sees them. God is not impressed with the pomp and show that is being displayed in the spiritual world. He looks down upon His people to know who seek His mind, who desire to see things as He sees, and who has the mind of the Spirit. Our brilliant ideas, our plans for ecclesiastical renewal, and our new initiatives do not in any way interest God. Men have their own opinions and judgments of how spiritual things should be done. Much of our viewing is earth-bound; much proceeds from a natural mind. If we are ever able to see things from a heavenly point of view, from the point of view of God, then we shall begin to see our own faults, our shortcomings and our presumptuousness before God.

From 'The New Jerusalem', Chapter One



IS EVERY GATHERING UNTO THE LORD?



“...and let us not hold aloof from our church meetings as some do. Let us do all we can to help one another’s faith and this the more earnestly as we see the final day drawing ever near’ (Hebrews 10:25 by J.B.Philips).

There is no dearth of gatherings today. One can even say, with little exaggeration, that there is a Christian gathering at every street corner! All the leaders believe that they are closely following the New Testament pattern of gathering unto the Lord. This is a ‘Great Deception’! Only when God appointed ministries minister Christ, true gatherings are born. This is the only New Testament pattern of the gathering of saints. However, such gatherings are rare.

The Book of Malachi always reminds us of the Christian environment prevailing in this day. In Israel at that time, there were plenty of sacrifices, but the Lord was looking for a pure sacrifice. What was missing was the fear of the Lord and the

desire to honor the Lord above all else. A pure offering unto the Lord was not found anywhere. This is what prompted the Lord to cry out, “Where is my fear and where is my honor?” “Where is the pure offering?”

Beloved, His cry today is no different! Saints of God, please listen to the burden of the Holy Spirit. Today what we see is, its congregation, great numbers of individual Christians, resorting to offer ‘praise and worship unto the Lord’, without any corporate life and order. They are sincere Christians and zealous individuals. Their true desire is to gather with the saints to praise and worship the Lord. However, they come to the gatherings as individuals and go back as individuals! There is no ‘corporateness’ in their gathering as such; there is no building together; they have little relationship with one another.

A distinguishing feature of today’s gatherings, is the utter inability of the members to apprehend anything more than the simple elements of salvation. They have little growth potential. Their knowledge is limited to personal salvation, in the sense of forgiveness of sins, peace with God, and the rudiments of faith.



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Their only dictum is that they have been ‘saved to save’. They faithfully attend their favorite gatherings for years on end, some

even for fifty years, but there is little or no sign of any spiritual growth or maturity. It is a 'church' or a 'mission' where people come together to preach and to hear the gospel. It is a preaching center, where people go and hear a well known preacher. The 'Church' for such ones is but a place where people gather in a religious way to follow some routines and hear the words of a preacher or a teacher. Such gatherings are far from the true corporate expression of a Body and the gathering of His saints.

All the above gatherings will go on without any opposition or with little opposition from the enemy! The enemy is not bothered to disturb their complacency, smugness and satisfaction. But let there be a movement in the direction of a real corporate expression of a Holy Spirit constituted testimony to Christ, then the battle is on. Nothing will be left untried to break up that, discredit it or in some way nullify that testimony. Where a gathering is true according to the Scriptures, where there is a corporate expression of life, where the risen Lord is lifted up, the enemy will leave no stone unturned to break it up and scatter or disperse it. He will use cunning tactics to divide, disintegrate or defame every such assembly.

Genuine gatherings are a menace to the enemy. They are a threat to his kingdom. The enemy knows that the Church is destined to govern with Christ and he will not rest wherever there is a genuine gathering of saints unto the Lord.

From "Gather My Saints Unto Me"



THE CHURCH IS ALL ABOUT CHRIST



“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved”. (Jeremiah 8:20).

The prophet Jeremiah warned the people of God to be careful of their inward conditions. He told them to keep a watch upon the state of their hearts, lest God’s season of the harvest passes by, without bringing any change within. This is what God’s people today also need to hear and take heed of. Let it not be that the times of God’s seasons and workings upon our lives come to an end without bringing the desired changes in our inward man. All of us, having attended meeting after meeting, and Bible-study after Bible-study, must seriously consider the condition of our lives. If we find that, intrinsically we have not changed, even after several years of exposure to the word of God, then we need to wake up or else be prepared to suffer and undergo a great loss. In the workings of God there are specific seasons during which He provides us new opportunities to set our lives in order. Let it not be that the times of God come to an end

without having brought forth some definite changes within each one of us. Beloved, it is necessary to be open before the Lord, so that He may have His way into our lives. The one thing we all need to know at this time is that the Church at large has miserably failed in her specific calling in Christ Jesus. It has been said by agnostic critics that Christianity is nothing but a crutch for the disabled and weak people of the world. In many ways this is true for the Church has utterly failed to fulfill her unique vocation. The reality of this failure is seen in several spheres of our lives.

Many people think that church is all about them; they go to church with mentalities that are fully centered upon man and his own issues. But God has this incredible thought that the 'Church' is all about Him. Many believers go to church believing that the church was created by God to meet their own needs. They think that the church has been created primarily for their own purposes, that they are the focus, that they themselves are the very substance of the church. And so they go to church with the express purpose of meeting their human needs and fulfilling their pious



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desires. They look upon the church as a place designed to satisfy their needs: they consider the church to be a system that has been raised mainly to fulfill their personal desires: and they regard the church to be some kind of a divine tool for their own benefit. This is truly tragic!

Beloved, it is essential to know that the Church was raised, not to meet the needs of man, but to meet the needs of God! Incredible though this may sound to the self-centred man, the true fact is that the Church is all about God, Himself. God has an immense longing to have a people who would express His whole character and nature. His need is to have willing vessels that would express His love, His mercy and His righteousness to the whole world. There is something in God which compels Him to reveal Himself to man in a special way so that man may express His character and nature. Therefore, He goes to great lengths to change man. He takes utmost pain to do this. His own need is paramount. Once we accept and understand this, everything else falls into place and we shall begin to see the Church in a different light from what we may have thought at one time. The Church is all about the Lord and not about man at all!

From 'Discovering Gods Presence', Chapter One



BEGUILING OF THE DEVOTED THINGS



And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.... And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. Exodus 25: 1-8

The things that God gives us is not for ourselves, but it is unto Him; it is for His purpose. Whatever God may have given you health, material, a good voice, some ability—they must be brought into His service, into His sanctuary. They are for His purpose. But notice how diabolically the powers of hell and darkness break into the psyche of the natural man!

And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. And all the people brake off the golden

earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. Exodus 32:2-4

The natural man easily gives in to the enemy's suggestions and that which is meant for the Lord is utilized by the enemy for his own purpose! The enemy has broken into the midst of God's people time and time again!

Let's take just one example. Music is not something that man created. When God created man He gave man the ability to sing, but see how Satan uses music today! The enemy is using the musical talent and ability that God gave man to meet his own evil intentions and plans. How sad that is! I have observed how well people sing at home, but when they come to worship the Lord, they only move their lips; they don't sing unto the Lord. Beloved, what the Lord has given to man is not for man to use for his own purpose, but it is for His sanctuary; we need to



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After I had come to the faith, I heard a message that left a deep impression upon me; it was deeply registered in my being. A preacher said that God had given us eyes that we may read the Word; but many could not read God's Word; many have to learn Braille language to read the Bible. We are given eyes and good eyesight to read His Word. God has given health that we may go to God's house. Yet again, how many people are not able to come to church and to our gatherings because they are bedridden due to some illness?

Whatever God has given us, is meant for His sanctuary. The enemy, on the other hand, wants to take the things that God has given us, and use them for his own advantage and good. It would be most inappropriate for us to use all our energy to satisfy or meet the enemy's purpose, yet so many believers are doing just that! The enemy persistently attempts to use things God has given us for his own purpose; he always tries to use God-given things for his own end. He always wants to break into our lives. Saints, let us not fail to see that behind many of the daily situations we face, there is a persistent breaking-in by evil powers and worldly spirits in order to gain some evil advantage for themselves. We clearly see that the powers of evil are vehemently against God's throne and against God having everything. Evil powers are prepared to pay any cost to take away the things that God desires from His people.



FRIENDSHIP OR FELLOWSHIP ?



We need to understand that there is a great difference between friendship and fellowship. Friendship is a human trait or attribute. People of the world can have strong and lasting friendship, and believers can also have friendship with people of the world. A good friend may even be willing to die for another friend. That's what the Bible says in Rom 5:7, "*For* scarcely for a righteous man may one die, yet peradventure for a *good man*". Yes, it is possible in the world for a true friend to die for another friend. There is ample evidence that natural friendship can even be stretched to such an extreme end. Friendship between people can be pure, loyal and very intimate, but it cannot be called fellowship.

It is possible to have a certain kind of unity without life. For example, in the world we have many kinds of unions where they maintain a kind of unity. Union comes out of some measure of unity. So we find a kind of unity which is

based on an outward agreement of certain principles. But such groups and unions are devoid of inward life.

True fellowship requires life and without life there cannot be fellowship. Fellowship which is an inward matter basically and can best be described as the inter-communication of life. In Christianity, fellowship is a term translated from the Greek *koinonia*. The word 'koinonia' means communion, participation and communication. It refers to those who are joined in communion, participation and communication because of a life. Thus, fellowship is more than a matter of loyalty; it is more than being true to one another. We need to understand by the Holy Spirit that Christian fellowship is a matter of a life in the Spirit. Human

friends can come together and talk about a lot of worldly things; they can even talk of unrighteous things; they can also talk ill of others. Worldly friends can talk about a wide variety of subjects, be it sports, education, politics or art. They can sit and talk for hours, and even continue through the night; they can even scheme to harm others, murder someone or plan evil things. So there can be a kind of unity even in friendship! Many things can be done under the banner of friendship. But, fellowship is based upon an inward life.



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One of the prevalent deceptions of Satan is to call the ‘friendship’ that believers often have as ‘fellowship’. Common friendships amongst believers is often mistaken for fellowship. There can be a lot of friendship between brothers but it cannot be called fellowship! So we have to be very careful. Many mistake friendship for fellowship today. And it is the truth that will keep us from falling into the enemy’s trap. Christian friends may come together and engage in a lot of “spiritual activities”, such as singing, sharing and eating, but that does not amount to fellowship. It is a cheap counterfeit of true fellowship! That is where we need to have discernment or a discerning spirit. Many gatherings and times of interaction for spiritual activities do not touch upon true life. If such gatherings and assemblies fail to promote life then they cannot be termed as fellowship meetings. Fellowship is not the ultimate objective of coming together; the ultimate goal is to have life in Christ Jesus, but fellowship is the instrument to obtain the life of the Son.

From ‘The Mystery of Fellowship’, Chapter Three



GOD ALLOWS US TO GO OUR WAY!



“And God came unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the Lord refuseth to give me leave to go with you.” Numbers 22: 12, 13

In the Scriptures we read of the example of a man who never wanted to bear the restraints of the Lord. His own paths were well set and firmly established in his heart. Balaam was such a man. He was a prophet of God and God had set a path for him but he preferred to walk in his own ways.

God made His will very clear to Balaam. So in the morning he met the ‘committee’ that had come from Balak to visit him. He clearly told them that the Lord had prohibited him to go and therefore he was not at liberty to leave. He said that the restraints of the Lord had prevented him from

doing what he wanted to do.

“And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us. And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they.” Numbers 22: 14, 15

Soon a higher committee was sent by Balak to invite Balaam. And what did they say?

“For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.” Numbers 22: 17

Not only did Balak send more honourable men to Balaam but he promised to give him a bonus and to honour him. We know that Balaam succumbed to the pressure and he thus became the first hired servant in the Bible. God had asked him not to go. Balaam could have girded himself with God’s truth but there was a greed in his heart. There are many such prophets in the Christian world today. These



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prophets know the truth of God on several matters. Yet when someone asks them to do a thing that is contrary to the

word of God, they say, “I will pray about the matter”. And when another tempting offer is made to them they will again say, “I will pray to God again”. Such people are no different from Balaam, in reality.

Many times when we pray to the Lord we try to twist His arm. If we are honest with ourselves we will acknowledge that we have experienced this in our lives. We may have known the clear mind of God on certain matters but when pressures came we said, “We shall pray again and seek His mind.” Finally we yield to the pressures of men in our lives. We may have known the mind of God under the conviction of the Holy Spirit; the word of God may have come to us under the power of the Holy Spirit or we may have made commitments to honour the word of the Lord. Balaam began to seek God again and again. *“And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I will say unto thee, that shalt thou do. And God’s anger was kindled because he went.”* (Num 22:20, 22)

How can we interpret this verse? Balaam prayed again to the Lord. And God replied, ‘Go’. And when he went God was angry with him. We need to know that when we are set in our minds to go in a particular way, God will allow us to go in our own way. Under such circumstances God will permit us to follow the dictates of our heart, but He will not be happy with us.



“FEAR NOT”



Many believers confuse timidity with humility. It is Satan who deceives many people. Many are timid, but they think that they are humble. Where there is timidity, there is also fear. But humility does not have any fear attached with it. We need to be people who come out of our timidity. We are to be humble, but not timid. It was fear that prevented Peter from testifying about Jesus Christ before the servant girl in the High Priest's palace. He had said a few hours earlier that he would die for Jesus even if everyone else would leave Him. Though he looked bold, there was a fear that lurked deep within him. Many times we are like Peter. Behind the pulpit or in a gathering, we may appear to be strong and fearless; but actually it is only the grace of God that enables us to overcome fears and stand before others in situations. Each one of us must seek the Lord to be changed.

We are not to be enslaved by fear that silences us and

prevents us from glorifying the Lord. Fear silences us, so that instead of being a witness and testimony for the Lord wherever He has kept us, we are cowed down, intimidated and frightened though we may not show it. May the Lord deliver each one of us from the enemy's clutches.

After Pentecost, something happened to Peter and his fears were driven away. When he was baptized in the Holy Spirit, the same man who was fearful and abject in his demeanor, suddenly became bold and courageous. In *Acts 2*, we see the great boldness to which the disciples came in. And again in *Acts 4*, we read of how they were filled with the Holy Ghost: "*And they spake the word of God with boldness.*" (v 31) The power of the Spirit and the speaking of the Word go hand in hand.

The reality is that when we are open to the ministration of the Spirit, He ministers the love of God into us and takes away the spirit of fear. There is a fresh input of His love. So affirms the Scripture, "*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*" (1 John 4:18)



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The spirit of fear can move from one area of our lives to another with great ease, and hence we must be very watchful. In the spirit of fear for the future, we speculate unnecessarily and wonder, "What will happen if this happens? What will happen

if that happens?” It is true that the enemy enslaves us to the spirit of fear, and then brings fears in different areas of our lives, jumping from one thing to another with ease. Yes, and in that small area of your life where there is fear, it is good to own up to the Lord and say, “Lord, I am fearful of my future. I am fearful of my sickness. I am fearful of this and that... but Lord I want to trust in Your love.” The enemy knows those who are fearful, and he makes them even more fearful. The Lord can deliver you, as He has delivered me. We need to accept that we are full of fears in some specific weak areas.

The promise of God is, “*They which do hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled*” (Matthew 5:6). So it is a matter of your hunger being filled by His love! Saints, we shall come across many situations in which fear may grip us; but we have to overcome fear and obtain victory. Let this word come into your life as a fresh ministration of the Spirit. When we confess our fears to the Lord, then the Lord will make a way for us and we shall also be emboldened in that area in which we fear many things. **The Lord says, “Fear not,” many times, because He knows that that is the main weapon of the enemy against us.** So we need to take every opportunity to open our hearts to the Lord. And as we open our hearts to Him, for His word, for His purpose, and for His testimony, we shall be released from every kind of fear that enslaves us. Hallelujah!

From ‘The Call Of The Remnant’, Chapter Three



PILLARS OF GOD'S HOUSE



He who overcomes (is victorious), I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of My God; he shall never be put out of it or go out of it, and I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which descends from My God out of heaven, and My own new name. Revelation 3:12 (Amplified)

The Lord says that an overcomer shall never be put out of His sanctuary! The Lord got me to meditate over this for a good period of time. This essentially talks about permanency in the house of God. The overcomer will be made a permanent pillar in the church. Naturally, the strength of a house rests upon the pillars that support it. This is true for the house of God, the church, as well. Pillars are designed to support the whole house, and therefore, 'they' have a very important place in the house of the Lord. The Lord will make an overcomer, a victorious believer, a pillar in His

House. Today many spiritual houses are collapsing because their pillars were not set and established by God.

Concerning His house, the Lord says that He alone will build and erect 'the pillars' of His sanctuary. The Lord will make as pillars in His house such persons whose hearts are steadfast and not shifty or wavering. Their heart will be set upon overcoming every situation. They will be willing to pay the highest cost. The Lord will watch over such ones, and therefore, He says that they will not be put out of the sanctuary; neither will they go out or leave it. They will be as permanent fixtures. Another characteristic of such 'pillars' is that they will not only support 'the building', but they will bear the burdens of other brothers and sisters. This is a much desired need in the house of the Lord today.

It is a sad thing that saints have become a burden to the local church, rather than being burden-bearers in the body of Christ. Even after many years in the local church some people continue to be a burden in the house instead of being burden-bearers. They do not qualify to be pillars in God's house- pillars that truly support the house in every way. It is indeed sad that even after many years in the



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house of God, some believers are not able to qualify to be pillars in His house. This is primarily because they continue to give themselves to the ways of the natural man. They are not able to overcome the desires of the flesh in any significant measure. Beloved, God expects each and every believer to be a pillar in the house of God. Therefore, our hearts should be set to overcome our natural instincts and desires. Overcomers in God's house must always provide strong support to others in the house; they impart strength to the house. Those brothers and sisters who are living an overcoming, victorious life are a source of spiritual might and muscle in the house. They may not be preachers or teachers, but they can be pillars that strengthen the church. Those who are not overcomers have an opposite effect in the house: they become a burden to the church or God's house. There is a great need for 'pillars' in every local church.

Are you a burden-bearer or are you a burden to the local church? Are you unstable and shaky? Is your spiritual foundation weak or feeble? Does the natural man dominate your activities? There is a great need today for overcomers who are able to take the place of pillars in God's house!

From 'The Call Of The Remnant', Chapter Seven



A PEOPLE WHO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN



“But as for you go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your inheritance.” Daniel 12:13

In Daniel 12:4, the Word says that Daniel was told to close the book and seal it until the times when many shall go here and there to increase knowledge. God told Daniel to seal the book until knowledge shall increase and people shall run to and fro from place to place. Though the Lord told Daniel to seal the book, he was such a hungry man for the Word of God that he wanted to know every detail and every mystery. When Daniel saw these things in the Spirit (verse 7) he could not understand it (verse 8) and so he asked the Lord what would be the outcome of all this. God told Daniel, *“Go your way, Daniel because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end”* (verse 9). In short, God told Daniel to go his way as the things of the end-time were not meant for Daniel.

When is the end time going to come? This is the end time, my brothers and sisters. Verse 10 reads, *“Many will be purged, purified and refined but the wicked will act wickedly and none of the wicked will understand.”* None of those men who walk after the flesh, none of these men who walk in the darkness, none of these men who sleep in the daylight; none of these men who get drunk in the night will ever understand what is written in the Word. But those who have an insight will understand. The things of the end-time will be understood by those who want to be prepared by the Spirit. The mysteries of the end-time will be made known to those who are willing to be purged by the Spirit of God. End-time revelations will be disclosed to these who are desirous of being purified and refined by the Refiner’s fire in these days.

What was refused to Daniel has been kept for the times such as ours, which is truly the end-time according to the Word of God. The New Testament says that the prophets of God desired to know and see all things but they could not see them for they were kept away for the end time. It is the Father’s time and He desires that you and I should know this. My heart is filled with gratitude. If only we ‘remain faithful to the Word of God our eyes shall be enlightened more and more and we will begin to see the purposes of God in these end times.

There are three kinds of people in the Christian world today. The first group consists of people who make things

happen. There is another group of people who see things happen. The third group of people are those who wonder what is happening. Which group do you belong to? There are some in Christian circles that say, "I have heard all these things. I have attended many conventions." They are those who have always heard sermons but they failed to hear a single message. They like to hear a preacher but they don't like to be under a pastor. Which group do you want to belong to? The unbelieving will stand far away and wonder what is happening. But the true people of God in these last days will make things happen. And Jesus said, "*Greater things than this will ye do because I go unto my Father*".



NEHUSHTAN



We read a very encouraging incident in II Kings chapter 18 verse 4, *“and he (Hezekiah) did that which was right in the sight of the lord. He removed the high poles and broke in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made; for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.”*

It is true that God commanded Moses to make a brass serpent and lift it upon a pole so that those who were bitten by the serpents could be healed. But somehow the brass serpent acquired a mantle of holiness and people visiting the tabernacle began to worship it. As people came to the Tabernacle to worship the Lord, they also burned incense to the brazen serpent! This was contrary to God’s Word. This practice had been going on for many years. No one had the courage to remove this wrong and abominable practice from the temple. But as the Word says, *“Hezekiah was one who did that which was right in the sight of the Lord.”*

So one day he took this brass serpent and threw it down and called it NEHUSHTAN meaning mere pieces of brass. He showed the children of Israel that there was nothing holy, spiritual or supernatural in it. Surely when the Lord spoke to them to lift the serpent up and look at it He said something of great significance. But when he left that, it remained mere brass pieces with no importance. Brass cannot heal wounds caused by serpent's bite. But what healed them was the Word of the Lord and their obedience to it.

Similarly the earthly temple had its importance and significance at one time. But now the Lord has left that because He is bringing in the eternal concept of the temple, which is not made with hands. Just as Hezekiah called it mere pieces of brass, Jesus called that temple '*Your House*' and walked out of it.

Hezekiah broke that tradition of man and pleased God. That is how we all need to deal with the traditions of man in our lives. The traditional teaching of heaven from John 14; the traditional reverence of natural Jerusalem, the traditional ideas of the temple, Israel etc, these must be thrown down. Our Christian calling is to a life that will radiate and bring forth the life of Christ Himself We have already wasted enough time



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following man-made traditions and teachings. The pattern of life made by man for us is wasteful and not in line with God's Word and His purposes.

Jerusalem was the location of God's dwelling place once. This was a shadow of the reality. But when the reality is come that which was a shadow must pass away. We are to hold on to the reality and not the shadow. The Jews, however, continued to believe that they were the true children of God and that God would only make His dwelling place in their midst. But the Lord said that those who were circumcised in the heart were the true children of God and that such as they were the true temples of God. Jesus told them the truth but they did not like it. So He told them that they could believe what they liked. And He walked out of the temple never to return. He walked out of that concept of the natural temple; He walked out of those narrow-minded ideas of man. And if Jesus walked out of it ICHABOD is written all over that concept of the earthly temple. Where is the glory in all that teaching? Beloved if Christ walked out, let us be quick to follow Him. Let us hasten to be like the 144,000 standing upon Mount Zion with Him, having His name upon their foreheads, following the Lamb wherever He goes." (Revelations 14:1,4).

From 'My Fathers House', Chapter Four





CHRISTIAN LIFE



The Sword Of Obedience
The Privilege Of Knowing Christ
Comfort Or Character ?
The Capacity To Make Adjustments
A Controversy With God !
Inward Separation
The Lord Who Healeth Thee
Our Responsibilities
The Lord Is In Control
Hindrances To Healing
Pride Goes Before Fall

THE SWORD OF OBEDIENCE



In 1Samuel 17, we read that David's father Jesse sent David, the shepherd boy, to give some food to his brothers in the army of Saul. When he went there, he saw that the whole Israelite army stood in great fear of one man who was blaspheming their God and challenging the whole army to send one man to fight against him. Not one man from Saul's army responded to the challenge. But David could not bear anyone blaspheming the God of Israel!

Saul said to David, "Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth" (1Samuel 17:33). Look at what David had to say!

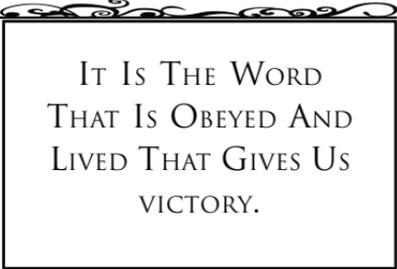
And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I

caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. (1Samuel 17:34, 35)

Even after hearing David's wonderful testimony of a miracle wrought by God, Saul still depended upon his own wisdom for the battle against the Philistines! The wisdom of man demands body armour, shields, helmets, swords, and battledress to fight the enemy. Man's wisdom finds its own solutions in every situation we face. It is not uncommon for us to always succumb to the pressure of using man's wisdom to fight spiritual battles. We cannot think of a battle without using a weapon. But God's wisdom is so different; it is so superior! But we fail to trust God in the situations we face. The battle is the Lord's, and therefore it is always best to trust His wisdom. Saul eventually persuaded David to put on the armour of Saul. "And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him." (1Samuel 17:39)

We have to carefully note David's response here.

He said, "I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them so David put them off him". David knew very well that Saul had lost his anointing and that the weapons of Saul had no power against the enemy. No doubt, his weapons were powerful at one time, and there was no dearth of



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weapons and armour in Israel. But they had lost their power and effectiveness against the enemy.

The Scripture says that God's Word is the sword in the armour of God (Ephesians 6:17). It is the word or truth that one has obeyed that is powerful and sharp against the enemy. The Lord used the sharp edge of the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, when He was tempted by the enemy in the desert. People often quote Scripture without obeying it, and therefore that Scripture loses its sharpness and is ineffective against the enemy in the day of battle. It is the word that is obeyed and lived that gives us victory. Yes, Saul's sword was sharp against the enemy and he slaughtered the Philistines at one time. However, the same sword had lost its sharpness through disobedience and rebellion! It was not the lack of swords in Israel that brought defeat. No never! There were so many weapons hanging in the tents of Israel, but they had lost their sharpness! Even so it is today, it is not the lack of truth and doctrine that brings us to places of defeat. We have plenty of truth and doctrine, but where are the warriors who walk in them and who are utterly obedient to the word of the Lord? That is the only weapon that can be used effectively against the enemy. He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit says!



THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING CHRIST



King Ahasuerus had a queen whose name was Vashti (Esther 1:9). Queen Vashti had the privilege of knowing the king. She lived in the king's palace along with the king. Vashti provides us on the one hand a picture of the Israelites who had the privilege of knowing God as their Lord. She also typifies on the other hand, the modern day church that has the privilege of knowing the Lord.

Vashti didn't appreciate the great privilege she had as the queen of the land. She neglected her great calling. She was not really living according to the king's desires and will. We read, in Esther 1:9, that Queen Vashti made a great feast for the women of the palace. Although the king had prepared a feast for all the people (verse 5), yet Vashti decided to have a separate feast (verse 9) for the women. She wanted to walk in her own ways and do her own things. Queen Vashti didn't do what was expected of her as the queen; she neglected her calling to be the queen; she made her calling

to be of scant importance.

The king desired that the beauty of his queen be shown to the people; he was eager that the princes and the people see him in all his glory. The queen was a part of his glory. But Queen Vashti refused to come before the king at the feast. She disobeyed his orders and didn't celebrate the king's praise and glory before other people. She failed to respond to this calling upon her life. Here Vashti provides a picture of Israelites disobeying the commandments of God and walking in their own ways. Vashti also provides a picture of a believer in the church who desires not to walk in the ways of God, but prefers, instead, to walk in his own ways. In the Bible, the church is always depicted as a woman. Vashti, therefore, gives us two fitting pictures for comparison. Even in this day, the King of kings desires that the glorious beauty of His church be seen by one and all. She is to worship Him and know Him as her Lord. Every believer needs to praise the King amidst all the people.

Psalm 45 depicts the great beauty of the children of God. The Lord desires to show forth His glory and His beauty and majesty through His people.



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“Hearken O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear, forget also thine own people, and thy father’s house. So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty; for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needle work; the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee. I will make thy name to be remembered in all gener-ations; therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.” (Psalms 45:10, 11, 14, and 17).

Apostle Paul writes that a believer in Christ is called forth *“to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved” (Ephesians 1:6)*. He adds that we should *“be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ” (Ephesians 1:12)*. We are to show forth the glory and praise of our King.

There are many believers who have the privilege of knowing the Lord, but unfortunately, like Vashti, they are busy in various activities of their own making. They have forgotten the calling of God upon their lives. They have disregarded the commands of their King. They are not able to appreciate His high calling upon their lives, which is to bring forth His beauty, His excellence and His glory before all the people of this earth. Beloved, we are to be an obedient people, showing forth His praise.

From ‘A Peculiar People’



COMFORT OR CHARACTER ?



The heathen and ungodly philosophize that if we suffer in life, it is either because we are bad people, or because God has forsaken us. Let me draw upon an illustration from the life of Paul. He was caught in a terrible storm, the ship was wrecked, and the crew, as well as all others in the ship, were thrown on the shore (Acts 28). Then we read about what happened to him on that island called Malta.

As Paul sat by the fire, a snake fastened itself upon his hand. The people around condemned him, but he faced the situation calmly; he shook off the snake and continued with what he was called to do. The world will condemn us, for that is the way of the world. It is not surprising! The way of the world is to ignominiously judge even the greatest saint who walked in their midst. Let us not be perturbed by people who condemn us when we face trials and difficulties and tell us that we are going through difficulties because of God's judgment upon our actions and reactions. The word

of God for us, in the midst of trials and situations, is to be of good courage and of good cheer, to be confident, undaunted, and strong. If your life is free from problems and difficulties, if your life is without any trial and suffering, then all I can say is that it will not be long before you will find yourself walking away from this calling to be His remnant in these perilous days. “In the world you will have tribulation,” Jesus said; and that is God’s word for us, even as we live in the world today.

Beloved, God is far more concerned about making us overcomers than He is about taking us out of the fires of tribulation. Today, many rally around the term ‘overcomers’; they teach how to become overcomers, but they have nothing to overcome! In other words, they are not keen and sensitive to overcome in their daily life.

What do you do when you are faced with trying situations that bring some kind of suffering? Do you question the Lord? Do you seek to escape the situation? Or do you grit your teeth and face the situation with courage and confidence in the Lord? God is interested in making us men and women of character; He pays attention



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to grooming people who would overcome the situations they face. In His wisdom, He allows tribulations to come our way so that we may learn His ways. His primary desire is to make us strong in character. He allows us to go through suffering and tribulation for the sake of His word and His testimony. He does this so that we may become men and women of character, rather than men and women of comfort.

Where there is an abundance of comfort, there will also be a breeding ground for lack of character. This is a reality in human history. Let the cry of your heart be for character and not for comfort. In countries where there is much wealth, there is a profusion of comfort that in turn cultivates lack of character. Where there is wealth, there will be little faith. Prosperity breeds lack of faith; in man's foolish wisdom, the substitute for lack of faith is to have an abundance of riches. But, let our trust be upon God. Saints, let us not ask the Lord for comfort at the cost of our character. May God help us!



THE CAPACITY TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS



The proof that we possess a heavenly vision can also be seen from our capacity to make adjustments when we make mistakes in our lives. Abraham had the capacity to make adjustments when God showed him that he was wrong. We don't see this attitude in many people. Though Abraham made some conspicuous, glaring mistakes in his life, he displayed a remarkable ability to make adjustments in his life. When we make a serious mistake, the human tendency is to withdraw in self-pity and self-condemnation. At such times, we are tempted to justify ourselves and say, "Well, I am not really worthy to go this way. It may be all right for others, but God has not really called me to walk this way." This may be true in a sense, for even Jesus taught that many would be called but few chosen. God's desire, however, is that everyone may walk in this heavenly path.

In this calling, God does not make a provision for us to make a mistake and continue to walk in that mistake. One

brother came to me and said, “Brother please agree to this (he was asking me to agree to his walking in error due to a previous mistake he had made).” I told him that it was not in the will of God for him to continue in the path of a previous error. I said to him, “I cannot accommodate it, because there is no provision for such a thing according to the principles of this heavenly calling.” Yet he said, “Somehow just accept it this time. From now onwards I promise to lead a righteous, clean, good life.” This is the way many try to twist the arm of God. Remember, the Word of God says, *“to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, it is sin.”* This means that if we do not walk as per the light we have received, it shall be sin unto us. Beloved, if we have made a mistake God would like us to arise out of it. He will receive any person who wants to be restored. A person who has a heavenly calling and who has seen a heavenly vision will have the capacity to accept the mistake, to change and to return to the Lord.

People, who have made repentance a foundation in their lives, have an exceptional quality to readily accept their faults and turn to the Lord. Such people readily agree to change their attitudes, after being told they were wrong. This is something we teach in the ‘foundation’ classes, but so



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few really adopt it as a pattern for their lives. One of the marks of true repentance is showing a willingness to accept one's mistakes and to change after one is corrected. Today, it is rare to see that kind of foundation being laid. The other mark of true repentance is readily confessing one's mistakes. People who have laid a good foundation of repentance are willing to correct themselves as soon as they come to know of their mistakes. They are also willing to confess their mistakes. This is the quality one would expect to see in those who walk in this heavenly path.

Many people, when told about the errors they have made, flatly refuse to accept their mistakes and raise several objections. Often, the tendency is to pass the blame to others; the old man in us longs to find some excuse to avoid blame. When we tell people their errors, the normal reaction in some of them is to put the blame on their old nature or their background. They are unable to adjust their lives to correct their ways. Though Abraham had made some glaring mistakes, yet he had the capacity to return to the Lord. The wonderful thing is that though he made glaring mistakes, he did not lose that which God had given him. Neither did God drop him out of His purposes. When Abraham made a mistake regarding Hagar and Ishmael, he was willing to send them away. This is how he learned to believe in the God of the impossible.

From 'The Pursuit of a Heavenly Path'



A CONTROVERSY WITH GOD !



And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God. And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called Perezuzza to this day. And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me?
1 Chronicles 13:10-13

David was greatly displeased. He was offended (Amp Bible says) of God that day. David was angered and offended because of what God had done to Uzza, for he died on the spot. Most of us are well aware that when God deals with us in our situations, we often get offended with God. God's dealings with us often bring about a controversy between us and the Lord. And until we deal with that blockage, that attitude in us in that situation, nothing further happens – any onward move is difficult and gets held up. That is what

happened here. The whole move of God was suspended until the controversy between The Lord and David was not settled. As a result, David could not bring the Ark back to Jerusalem. Instead, he had it kept in the house of Obe-Edom , the Gittite. How often God's people are found to be careless in this area! Most of the time we are insensitive to God's need!

Saints, God's workings are always positive. Please remember this. God is not out there to kill us. Israel always thought that when there was a controversy between the people and God, then God was all out to destroy them. The enemy always took advantage of the situation and whispered in the ears of God's children that He was against them and hated them. We are not to believe Satan's lies. If we are involved in any controversy, remember that God's thoughts are good towards us. If the Lord has ever a controversy over you, it is positive. The Lord does not do things without a reason. Bear in mind that until the controversy is resolved, there will be no possibility of moving forward; no forward movement can take place. God will not bring us to places of discipline, restraint and correction without having a good reason.



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Many times, like David we get offended with God. Our hearts turn away from Him. We take the whole incident personally. We think, "God does this only with me every time!"

Why does He do it only with me and not with others?" We raise a finger against the Lord; we wear a frown; and foolishly, we create a communication gap between us and the Lord! Beloved, this affects our life and testimony. David got offended and then the next verse says that he was angry; some translations say that he was grieved in his heart. If you are ever displeased with the Lord, there is little you can do about it and it would be better to do what David did. David thought, "I cannot be angry with my God. He loves me." David realized that for the purpose of God to move forward the controversy must first be resolved.

Well, to the Davids of today, let me say quite clearly that you must get rid of that controversy between you and the Lord, however long it takes, before the Lord can move on!

Then only can we move on with Him. David, who had a heart for God and His purpose, searched the Scriptures to sort the matter out and found the answer in the Word. In other words, David exercised himself about the controversy before the Lord. Many of us do bring our controversies before the Lord, but it is done with negative confessions. We displease the Lord by questioning the Lord and pointing a finger at Him for the way things are going on. Most of God's people do not exercise themselves spiritually by seeking His word and His mind. David spent time with the Lord; he sought the face of the Lord; he waited for understanding to come upon him. The Davids of today can do no better.



INWARD SEPARATION



“...but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts”
1 Peter 3:14

In the Old Testament, a word that we come across frequently is ‘sanctify.’ It means ‘to separate’; it also means to make holy, to consecrate and to set apart. One could see a separation in the lives of saints and priests of old. The Lord would like to bring forth a ‘setting apart’ in our lives as well. The life of Abraham clearly shows the nature of this setting apart for and unto God. It was something that was very much inward. He heard the call and set out in search of that call. He embarked upon a course that was totally different and out of this world. There was a separation in Abraham’s inner-most being. This separation was like the dividing of the light from the darkness by God, like the division between heaven and earth. There was an immediate response from Abraham because God did a work in his depths. He followed an extraordinary path. Let us

not forget that Abraham and others went through great pressures, strain and tremendous adversity. As a pioneer, he pressed forward taking a unique path. The saints of old set their lives upon a course that was altogether different from the ways of this world.

We often think that separation was a principle that God had laid down for them, and not for us. However, that is not so. We are 'set apart' and separated from the system and life-styles of this present world. It begins with an inward work. First, the Holy Spirit does a work within and then there is an outward manifestation in our lives. Our new life in Christ demands a separation from the things of this world; there is a need for total consecration. We have to undertake a spiritual journey that is totally different from that taken by the people of this world. It is altogether contrary to the paths and courses that people of the world take.

One thing we learn from the lives of these great men of faith in the Bible is that they reacted sharply and promptly whenever they touched anything earthly. Whenever they consciously or unconsciously

came in contact with something that was devoid of heavenly



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principles, they reacted to that inwardly. The moment their inner man perceived that they were not right before God in some way, they took immediate action to reclaim restoration of their heavenly path. The only things they cared to do was to get back to the path they had lost, as soon as possible. It is emancipating to see this in the Word of God. We too should walk in this way these days. When we touch something unclean, when we come in contact with something that is not in God's will for us, we should immediately halt in our tracks. Then we should take stock of our conduct and review our lives in the light of the Word of God and the nudging of the Holy Spirit. In this way we must get back to rightness in God from the place of our deviation.

From 'The Pursuit Of A Heavenly Path', Chapter Four



THE LORD WHO HEALETH THEE



There is a complete provision for the redemption of man from sin, and sickness and death, through Christ. God has a provision in Christ. He became a curse to deliver us from the curse. God wants to deliver His people from sin, sickness and death. God has a provision in Christ Jesus. He became a curse to deliver us from the curse. Do you believe that? We all need healing, not only of the body, but more so of the mind. There are putrefied wounds that no one can see, and these have been festering within for many years; but now they are being healed by the Lord.

The Lord is your healer. There is a great provision in the death and resurrection of Christ. He has redeemed man from sin, sickness and death. This is a very baffling subject. We may ask, if God is a healer, then why are we sick? There are so many questions, within us. I cannot answer all our questions but God can answer them in His great mercy. May the Holy Spirit help us. There are three

different sources of healing.

Natural Healing.

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones. (Proverbs 17:22)

What kind of a heart do you want – a merry heart or a broken heart or a crushed heart? Some people can't smile. One version says, "A cheerful heart brings good healing." Here you don't need any medicine; it is not divine healing; this is a healing by the body itself. God has made the body in a way that when we are happy and cheerful the body heals itself. But this cheerful heart is talking about those who are cheerful in the Lord, in His ways and are happy in the Lord and it brings physical healing. "But a crushed spirit even dries the bones". There is life in the bones and the marrow. It talks of life. The joy of the Lord is our strength. That is our strength and not our situations. But there is a heart that is happy in the Lord. That heart is content with the Lord and it brings healing. There is a healing process in your being when you remain content with the Lord. But if there are people who are upset and angry with the Lord their bones are drying. Keep content and happy with Christ Jesus. The human body has been so designed by the Lord. We know that the Lord is our creator. So the human body has a ministry unto itself. May God help us to remain cheerful, believing, trusting in Him that He will heal us. Let us keep ourselves in a place of being joyful in the Lord. We are not to be negative all the time,

questioning God in our trials and difficulties. We differ from one another, but let us be content with the Lord. Let us have a good disposition with the Lord so that our body is healed by itself.

Medical healing.

*But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them,
They that be whole need not a physician, but they
that are sick. (Matthew 9:12)*

Throughout the history of man, there have been physicians and Jesus Christ did not condemn them, or say that we are not to go to physicians. There are Christian groups who believe that medicine is sin. But Jesus said those who are sick need the physician. There is medical healing, and there is a doctor who wrote two books in the Bible (Luke). This doctor did also minister to the needs of the people. There is nothing wrong with going to doctors who prescribe medicines. There is healing available in medicines, for it a science; and Jesus said that the sick need to go to physicians.

Divine Healing.

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his
benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who
healeth all thy diseases; (Psa 103:2-3)*

God can overrule both man and nature and bring forth healing which is a supernatural healing. Remember that the

source of divine healing is the Cross of Jesus Christ.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (Isa 53:4-5)

This is the source of divine healing. It is the Cross of Christ. He took not only our sins, abut also bore our sicknesses in His body. In other words, **‘the tree of life’ was placed on the tree of death that we might be made whole.** What wisdom of God! This is God’s tremendous provision to bring man from the curse of sin and death unto life in all its fullness. This is God’s mind for man. “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (Isa 53:6)

When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. Mat 8:16-17

This is the source of our healing. This was to fulfill what was spoken through prophets like Isaiah. He took our

infirmities and bore our diseases. So there is a provision in the Cross for our supernatural divine healing. He died for our sin, for our sickness as well, because sickness and death came because of sin. Jesus is the Source through His death, His burial and His resurrection. As we have heard, He is the surety of the New Covenant. He is ever-living to execute His will. He is ever alive to bring us into that Covenant. It is important for us to be enlightened that Jesus is the Source. He alone can bring us into the fullness of that Covenant. His suffering was the penalty He paid that was the remedy for us that we may be restored back to God. In Isaiah, we read that He was tormented for our transgressions. By His suffering we are brought into a realm of healing and deliverance. **Healing for the spirit, the mind, and the body is God's provision for us.** This is provided to us in His own atonement. Healing is provided for His children's bread.



OUR RESPONSIBILITIES



Our responsibilities are two-fold:

Firstly, it is my responsibility to ensure that I have fellowship; I need to be with God's people; I need the fellowship of God's people. The more I can be with God's people, the more will my own life be safeguarded; the more will sin be out of reach.

Secondly, it is my responsibility to give valued fellowship to others; to provide the same valued fellowship, which I have received, to my brothers and sisters in the Lord. As much as the enemy can attack me, so also is he able to attack them. As much as the enemy wants to quench my life, so also is he bent upon quenching the life of my brothers.

Beloved, many times I have been saved from evil things because of the energizing fellowship of the brethren. I have been delivered from the jaws of the enemy's trickery through

the fellowship of the Body. Initially I was not conscious of it, but later on I understood by the Holy Spirit that I was spared the onslaught of evil because of the energizing fellowship of the brethren. If you are sensitive and look into your life, as I am able to do, then you will also be able to see that you have been spared many attacks because of the fellowship and prayers of God's people. Let us not underestimate God's arrangement for us to have true fellowship with God's people. We may not have reckoned or thought or imagined what Satan had for us, but it was that energizing fellowship of God's people that kept us from being swept away by the flood waters released by the enemy. Amen!

Fellowship is not just coming together on Sunday and returning home thereafter, but it is something that has to be maintained through the week. Thus the attacks of the enemy upon us often do not succeed because of the fellowship of the saints and the prayers of God's people. Let us honor God's counsel in our lives. God's Holy Spirit is there to help all of us to walk this way. The Holy Spirit is the custodian of God's government. He will help and energize and strengthen us. I certainly believe that this word will release us to a greater appreciation of this life that must be maintained through proper fellowship. When the enemy attacks us, the fellowship we have is his primary target.

When one member suffers, there is a suffering in the Body. What does that mean? It can be explained in many

ways. But let me bring in the burden of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit desires wholeness in the Body. And therefore, the desire of the Lord is that we should not be found outside the fellowship of the saints and suffer.

The Lord desires that every member of the Body be related to the Lord and walk in fellowship with the Lord and with one another. Remember one thing that if there is any injury to fellowship, it is the stroke of the devil to injure the flow of life. It is for us to make sure that there are no injuries. How often we go through trials in our lives that could cause injuries to the fellowship we have! We may come into a situation and circumstance when we are pressed out of measure, as Paul says, and the deepest longing in our heart ought to be to have spiritual fellowship with the brethren. When I say this, it does not mean that we leave the fellowship with the Father; these are all interrelated and form one whole realm of fellowship.

We need to long for the fellowship of the brethren and that will be the place of our deliverance. This has happened so many times in my life, even in the recent past, but the fellowship of God's people has brought me to a place of deliverance, release and emancipation. It could be that we are geographically in different places where physical fellowship is not possible, but we shall find that life rises up as we value fellowship and enter into it specifically and deliberately. We may think that life is coming to an end or that it is difficult to rise up in such circumstances, but we

see that life is provided to us by His grace and we are filled with life again.

We are to look for that valued fellowship from one another, whether we are geographically in one place or separated from one another, and we are to be willing to provide fellowship to many others. Amen!

Saints, if life in its fullness is the mightiest force in the world, then fellowship is a mighty weapon against the death that the enemy can bring in. Where there is fellowship there will be an outworking of life. *“If we say we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness we lie and do not have the truth. If we walk in the light as He is in the light then we have fellowship with one another and His blood cleanses us from all sin.”* (John 1: 6,7) Let us value fellowship with the Father and with the Son and with one another.

From ‘The Mystery of Fellowship’



THE LORD IS IN CONTROL



The Lord says to the church in Smyrna, “*behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried*”. (*Revelation 2:10*) We may be thrown into prison, but it is only a trial. The Lord is saying, “If you are thrown into jail and undergo a severe trial, it is only to fulfill My purpose and My testimony for you.” It is so clear that the trials we have to face are for our good. The Lord further implies, “I am working something in your life for your good: *‘that ye may be tested and approved and critically appraised’*” (*Revelation 2:10 Amplified Bible*). And in Paul’s life, we know how being thrown into jail turned out to be for his good.

Paul makes it very clear that though going to jail was a trial for him, it was also so that he could help others in the Lord. The Amplified Version is very stirring and encouraging:

Now I want you to know and continue to rest assured, brethren, that what [has happened] to me

[this imprisonment] has actually only served to advance and give a renewed impetus to the [spreading of the] good news (the Gospel). So much is this a fact that throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest [here] my imprisonment has become generally known to be in Christ [that I am a prisoner in His service and for Him]. And [also] most of the brethren have derived fresh confidence in the Lord because of my chains and are much more bold to speak and publish fearlessly the Word of God [acting with more freedom and indifference to the consequences]. (Philippians 1:12-14)

How tremendous this is ? Paul's chains were a trial for him, but they served a much greater purpose in the Lord. It gave an opportunity to Paul to write his epistles and to fearlessly preach the word of God, so that many others could also preach the Word fearlessly. In like manner, the Lord told the church in Smyrna that their trial was to help others and to sanctify the church. The Lord is able to turn the tables on Satan in such a way that everything would truly work for God's divine purpose.

Beloved, it is the lord who decides the length of time his people should undergo suffering. We may go through trials, suffering and situations,



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but it is God who decides the length of the time we are to suffer. It is not in the hands of man, though man may turn around and say, "I have the authority". Jesus told Pilate that he had no authority to decide anything over His life! Jesus said to Pilate, "*Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.*" (John 19:11). It was the Father's decision that governed everything. We must lay hold of this truth by the Holy Spirit. It is the Lord who governs things in the lives of those who have given themselves to His lordship! When we go through trials and situations according to His will, when we suffer according to His plan, let us bear in mind that we have no power to change things. The Lord is in control!

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Matthew 24:22) The lengthening and shortening of our days are in the hands of the Lord! For the sake of the elect, those days will be shortened. It is in the hands of the Lord, for He knows our frame, how much we can endure and He will not go beyond. That is why He says that for the sake of the elect, He will reduce the days of suffering and trials. Beloved, He knows what His elect is going through and He reduces the trials for their sakes.



HINDRANCES TO HEALING



The death and the resurrection of Christ is the source of this healing. However, there may be hindrances to receive this Covenant benefit into our lives. That is important.

1. ONE OF THE HINDRANCES COULD BE SIN.

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. It could be a reason but it may not always be so. (Isa 59:2)
For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. (Mat 13:15)

Their hearts are separated and they do not want healing. They have an attitude of not wanting to hear God. Their

hearts have moved away from the Lord. In that state the Lord cannot heal them!

2. UNBELIEF. It may be a hindrance to divine healing. Also see Matt 13:58.

And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching. (Mar 6:5-6)

3. AN UNFORGIVING SPIRIT. It can also hinder healing.

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. (Mat 5:23-24)

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Mat 6:14-15)

4. THE ABUSE OF OUR BODIES. If we are not careful and do not see the limitation of the body we can hinder healing.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and

that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. (1Co 3:16-17)

5. NOT DISCERNING THE BODY AT THE LORD'S TABLE. This is very important. Some are sick because of taking part in the Table and not discerning the Body of Christ. God is not able to bring healing; but not discerning the Body could rather bring sickness.

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. (1Co 11:29-33)

6. SATANIC RESISTANCE. Satan resists and we need to discern it and continue to persist against Satan. The answer of victory finally came to Daniel in Dan 10, but there can be Satanic hindrances. We have to persevere in the face of hindrances until it is fulfilled.

But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I

remained there with the kings of Persia. (Dan 10:13)

7. A STRAINED HUSBAND AND WIFE RELATIONSHIP. It could be that both pray to the Lord but there is no answer from the Lord. They do not realize that it is because of their relationship. Many prayers are hindered and we suffer because we are not one in the purpose of Christ. (He that hath an ear ...) We cannot blame God or church or others for the hindrance here. We have to check our lives. So there are several ways to receive healing, and we have seen there are hindrances as well.

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. (1Pe 3:7)

The Lord Jesus Christ has been healing for the last 2000 years; He has been healing for two days; for He said, "Today and tomorrow I cast out devils and on the third day I shall be perfected." (Luke13:32). He is perfecting that ministry for which He has come to fulfill.



PRIDE GOES BEFORE A FALL



The failure of the church to come up to the expectation of the Lord has been primarily due to her pride. She has taken her eyes off her Bridegroom, the Lord Jesus, and instead she gazes upon her own excellence and her own achievements. In essence her beauty is nothing, but the beauty given by the Lord as a gift which ‘He had put upon her’. Yet she rises up in pride to think that her beauty is of her own making and that she has no need of anything. She has a false notion that her condition meets with God’s approval. She imagines she is all right and feeds her proud heart with thoughts and deeds that are contrary to God’s will. She thinks she is beautiful ‘due to the work of her own hands’. She fails to realize that she is beautiful because of His grace and love.

Each of us needs to know that pride in our lives will lead us to a fall. “Pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble

spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud” (Proverbs 16:18,19). It is astonishing but commonplace that one can seldom see one’s own pride. We are quick to spot even a small trace of pride in another’s life, but we are unable to see the magnitude of our own pride due to the deceitfulness of sin. Jesus tells us how easy it is to see the mote of pride in a brother’s eye, but to totally miss seeing the beam in one’s own eye. (Matthew 7 :3), (Luke 6:41).

Pride can manifest itself in several forms.

There is a pride that easily overtakes us if **WE FAIL TO LOVE TO BE IN SUBJECTION**. It is only when Eve moved out of her place of subjection that she began to think she could be like God. She moved out of her abiding to a place of failure and disobedience. The same thing happened to some Israelites. They abandoned their calling to be followers and then challenged Moses and Aaron because of their pride. If we remain in subjection to the Lord, we will be able to resist pride in our lives. If God has given you a gift or certain abilities, or some responsibilities in the house of God, or even a promotion in your career, then we are to remain in subjection to Him who has put us in that place. We need to honour Him and be humble, rather than to lord it over others. Let each one constantly remind himself that he has nothing to be proud of because it is the Lord who gives.

Another form of pride comes by **EATING OF THE**

TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL. It brings conceit and haughtiness and makes us vulnerable to fall. It generates a pride of self-knowledge and a confidence in one's own strength. We need to guard against this danger.

It is pride within us that causes us to be offended when we are corrected or rebuked. It is pride that encourages us to refuse the counsels of God; it is pride that causes us to reject God's word and move away from His perfect will in deliberate disobedience. And yet all the time we can be unaware of the place pride has in the throne of our hearts.

Let our prayer to God be to enable us to hate pride in every form. There are subtle varieties of the pride that can ruin even those who are walking in their commitments unto the Lord. If we are aware of the danger, then we can overcome pride in our lives. It is not easy to be truly humble; for even when we are poor in spirit, we may have pride in one's own humility. We can even be proud of our attempts to be humble, of our desires to please the Lord, and of our growth in His grace.

We are called to deny self so that we may love the Lord instead of ourselves, for God knows that many cannot be humble because of self love. This does not imply



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that we are to condemn ourselves, but that we must learn to forget our self. Humility does not mean that a beautiful woman must begin to believe that she is ugly or that a clever man must think he is a fool. That is not the point. If we have the talent and say we have no talent then we are also being dishonest and hypocritical. But God wants us to be brought to a state of mind in which we shall be free from any bias in our own favour: when we can forget the self and give glory to God; when we can be truly glad at being able to use our God-given abilities for His glory; when we can rejoice in the fact that our brother is better than ourselves. In this way our minds are to be focused on others instead of on our self. *“Do nothing from factional motives (through contentiousness, strife, selfishness, or for unworthy ends) or prompted by conceit and empty arrogance. Insead, in the spirit of humility) lowliness of mind) let each regard the others as better than and superior to himself (thinking more highly of one another than you do of yourselves). Let each of you esteem and look upon – be concerned for not (merely) his own interests, but also the interests of others. Let this same attitude and purpose and (humble) mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus : (Let Him be your example in humility).”* Philippians 2:3-5 (Amplified)

It is possible to avert pride if we, in lowliness of mind, look not to ourselves but consider others better than ourselves. Let others come first and ourselves last. What does it mean to esteem others better than ourselves? The apostle Paul did not mean that an apostle should subject

himself to another brother in the local church. Esteeming another believer involves allowing the purposes of God to be fulfilled in his life. To be humble towards others is to give the first place to the Lord's desires in his life. When the apostle Paul administered and corrected others he was not esteeming them to less than himself. He did it in all humility making way for God's purposes to be carried out in other's life.

From 'Bride Of The Lamb Part I', Chapter Four



OTHER BOOKS BY JOY THOMAS

I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA

As the title suggests, Jesus is the Alpha, the Beginning and He is also the Omega, the End or the Finisher. In the Book of Genesis, we see Him as the Beginner and in the Book of Revelation, we see Him as the Finisher....If we know Him as the Beginner then in these last days we need to know Him as the Finisher as well.

THIS IS NONE OTHER THAN THE HOUSE OF GOD

To-day, many in the Christian world do not have a clear understanding and revelation of the house of God. The common understanding is that of a physical or a natural house. The house of God represents a divine order where the working the cross is central and supreme.

THE NEW GENERATION ARISE! (SECOND EDITION)

In the history of mankind there have been many generations. But there is only one particular generation that the heavens are interested in. Which is this generation? Is there another generation that inhabits the earth in this hour?

COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE

There are many Jonathans today, who could either continue to remain a part of Saul's house (the organised church) which is decaying and dying day by day or they may arise, separate themselves and be a part of David's House (the body of Christ) which God is establishing by His Spirit. This book is a 'sign-post' to many in the valley of decision.

MY TIMES ARE IN THY HANDS (SECOND EDITION)

While many are keen to know the happenings in the natural, few know how to determine the times in the spiritual. If one does not know the times in the spiritual, one will seldom know what to do or what not to do.

THE PURSUIT OF A HEAVENLY PATH

'Heaven' is not merely a location but a rule, an order, a system and a realm, which is the true one and the ultimate one. Church, the masterpiece of God is of heavenly origin, of heavenly calling and of heavenly destiny.

THE DESTINY OF THE CHURCH

The book brings out valuable historical background of the Church to portray its ordination, deterioration, restoration and the church's ultimate destination. The Church means more to Christ, than all the wealth of the universe. The Lord loved the Church and gave himself for her.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE SON

The word 'Fellowship' is one of the most misquoted and misunderstood words which carries a very shallow meaning today. We are called to know the Eternal Son and to have fellowship with Him, without which we will not be able to progress spiritually.

"YE ARE COME UNTO MOUNT ZION" (VOL I, II)

For many today, Zion means a mountain or at best a city in the natural. But Zion is a people in the complete and perfect work of Christ.

I KNEW A MAN IN CHRIST (VOL I, II)

The great Apostle Paul, expressing his deepest yearnings from a Roman prison near the end of His life worded it thus: '...that I may win Christ, and be found in Him...' (Ph.3:8b,9a). What does it mean to be IN CHRIST?

THE RECOVERY OF GOD'S ORIGINAL THOUGHT.

The Church has lost its primal and original character and nature. God's people need to know what is God's original intention for mankind and for the Church.

GOD'S MANIFEST PRESENCE.

If you are hungry for the Lord and nothing but His fulness will bring you satisfaction, then here is a message that will accelerate your steps in the direction of His presence.

PURSUIING GOD'S PRESENCE

By showing the way to enter into the very presence of the Lord this book is a signpost for the famished soul in hte painful trail of God's presence. It reveals the secret that can unlock the door to His presence, even a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

DISCOVERING GOD'S PRESENCE

God's people have become too familiar with the pleasures of His provisions; they have become too familiar with the blessings from His hands that they have discarded tears of repentance. This book shows how passionate desperation and dependance upon God enters His church, you will discover God in the folds of time!

THE GLORY OF GOD

Here is a gripping 2 part book that unveils the secret of David's tent which the Lord say's He will rebuild in these last days. Ezekiel the prophet too was shown a temple not made with hands in which the glory of God descended. Learn more about it in this book.

A PECULIAR PEOPLE .

The calling of God in our lives is to be "His People" and also to be " His Bride ". Like Queen Esther of old, the church of God is to prepare herself and do that which pleases the king.

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

The apostasy of the last days is now in full boom. The false and the counterfeit abound in every nook and corner of the world. We have not only to contend with other religions, new age promoters and cults, but also with countless perversions that are mushrooming within the very ranks of so called believing churches. A must read to know and discern the times.

A SURE FOUNDATION

Spiritual growth demands the provision of strong, solid and stable foundations. You cannot hope to progress spiritually with weak and insecure foundations, however hard you try. This book could not only help you lay a sure foundation but also enable you to examine whether your spiritual growth is according to His pattern.

THE NEW JERUSALEM

The majority in Christendom believe that Holy Jerusalem or the City of God is a literal place. The hungry and searching heart of a true child of God has to be open to the Holy Spirit for a fresh input. It is my prayer that your spiritual eyes may be opened to behold Holy Jerusalem, the City, of God as you read the pages of this book.

THE TRUE REMNANT

This message on God's True Remnant is released in printed form so that those who have deviated from God's revealed purpose may hear God's corrective word and be aligned to His thought; and those who are discouraged by the moral deterioration and declension in the Church may be encouraged; those who are confused may hear a clear voice in the midst of many voices; and those who are hungry may be fed by His Word to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord!

A PROPHETIC VOICE FOR THE END TIMES

The prophet and his ministry is the focal point of God's recovery movements. This means that such a ministry is brought in at a time when His people have departed from God's full intention. God brings a voice in the midst of His people when things have departed from God's full intention.

THE UNVEILING

The thoughts shared in these pages are based upon the first three chapters of the Book of Revelation. The word 'revelation' means unveiling – the unveiling of something that is hidden or unknown. This is a sovereign act of God.

THE SCRITURAL STAND ON DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

we can believe whatever we want on divorce and remarriage, but on the Great Judgment Day, we will be judged by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for what we have done and what we have encouraged others to do. Each person is entitled to have an opinion on divorce and remarriage. However, having an opinion, even a very strong opinion, does not make it a truth or make it right.

ENTERING BEHIND THE VEIL

In Acts 3:2, we read of a lame man who sat at the temple entrance for 40 years. If he knew anything about what was happening inside the temple it would only be a second-hand knowledge. Like this lame man, the church has been waiting before the veil of the Most Holy Place for several years. Now is the time for the church of Jesus Christ to enter in, leaping and praising, to know for herself what the Lord has wrought for her. This booklet is presented to throw some light on the pathway to God's purpose in Christ Jesus. God's purpose is a vast subject, but it is offered here in a condensed and abridged form.

GOD SHALL BE FOR A SANCTUARY

The burden of the prophet for Israel, the people of God, was that the Lord shall be sanctuary and a sacred and indestructible asylum to those who reverently feared and trusted in Him. In these perilous times, the Lord Himself must be our sanctuary. It is the Lord Himself who must be our defense, our deliverer, our sanctuary and our security. However, this is not rightly understood by the majority today. The thrust of this book is to clearly bring this home to the remnant of God. This is not so much a matter of confessing that God is our sanctuary and asylum. But this speaks of an intimacy and a union with the Living God. It signifies a relationship and intimacy established by the Holy Spirit to which we must come into experientially these days.

THE MYSTERY OF FELLOWSHIP

This book stresses God's desire to have fellowship with His people in splendid fullness. It offers practical guidelines for experiencing His fellowship and shows how light, fellowship and life are so linked together in God's divine economy. As you read these pages, you will discover how God intends to bring His people into His ultimate purpose. Unless His remnant will come into an exclusive, pristine fellowship with the Father and the Son and with one another there is no way He will be able to fulfill His purpose.

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