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Lynda L. Crane

BREAKING BREAD

In October of 1997, in Corozal Town, Belize Central America, I awoke in the night, hearing, “break bread to my people.” Knowing it was the Bread of Life speaking to me and knowing of the accountability of being obedient to do such a thing; those words still ring in my ears.

One year later, once again in Belize, a dear brother gave me a word, to “write a book.” Two confirmations came soon after. I am certainly of a mind that there are far too many books in the church today. There are so many of men’s doctrines that make God’s Word of no effect. For sure I do not want to add to that pile, but I do want to be obedient to the Lord. I also want to share with others the life He has given me. I know that what I have and all that I have to share is what He has given, whether it is a testimony or a revelation.

I shared with a lady the word that God had given me about breaking bread. Her response was, “You do know don’t you, that to break bread, you must be broken?” I believe that what she said is true. The world does not need to hear or see you or me. Man has been on display far too long. What the world needs to see and hear is Him, with whom we have to do.

When I first started taking teams overseas, I realized the more people that went to share Him, the more there was to give. God used many vessels to create this book and we are all grateful to Him for what He has shown us.

It is my prayer that the testimonies I share will comfort you with the comfort with which He has comforted me. I pray that the revelations that He has given me will bring life to you.

HIS WORDS ARE LIFE TO THOSE THAT WILL FIND THEM.

Lynda L. Crane

BREAK BREAD TO MY PEOPLE

*“Break bread to My people!”
The command is heard today,
Has He fed you well?
Then you have something to say!*

*“Preach ye upon the housetops,” {Luke 10:27}
What you hear in the ear,
Whether or not they want to listen, {Ezek. 2:5}
Proclaim His Word without fear!*

*He’s given you talents,
Don’t bury them! {Matt. 25: 18&24-30}
For that which He’s given you,
You’re accountable to him.*

*Freely we give,
Because freely we’ve received, {Matt. 10:8}
The watchman cannot be silent,
While the multitudes are deceived. {Ezek. 33:7&8}*

*The young children are asking, {Lam. 4:4}
Can you sense their great need?
God is calling forth fathers, {Is. 38:19}
Who will go out and feed.*

***“The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for
thirst: the young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them.”
{Lam. 4:4 KJV}***

***“...the father to the children shall make known Thy truth.”
{Isaiah 38:19 KJV}***

*Catherine Sims
1/13/98*

BROKEN BREAD

*“This is My body,”
“Broken for you,” {I Cor. 11:24}
Jesus gave His life for others,
He requires this of us too. {I Cor. 10 :33}*

*He gave with thanks,
This is an important part, {II Cor. 9:7}
For whatever is being offered,
God looks on the heart. {I Sam. 16:7}*

*He became poor,
For others' sake, {II Cor. 8:9}
And brought life to the dying,
Though it put His own at stake.*

*Even with Judas,
The Saviour broke bread, {Jn. 13:26}
Though Judas sold his Master out,
To those wanting Him dead. {Matt. 26:15}*

*Do you feel you've been used?
People aren't treating you fair?
Remember, the bread must be broken,
Before it is shared.*

***“...the Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed took bread:
and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My
body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.”
{I Cor. 11:23&24 KJV}***

*Catherine Sims
10/2/97*

VISION

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In 1982, while living in Ketchikan, Alaska, it was as though I was caught up into the heavenlies. As I looked down I was suspended over a flat map of the world. I was looking down on the United States, but I saw the rest of the world in my peripheral vision. Suddenly, it was as if I was looking through a funnel and I was seeing what I knew be Heppner, Oregon. (We had lived in Heppner prior to moving to Ketchikan). I then saw little lights coming to Heppner from all over the map. The lights would come and go from Heppner, becoming brighter in the procession.

Later as I read in Habakkuk 2:2, I wrote the vision and made it plain upon tables. Verse three goes on to say that the vision was yet for an appointed time, but at the end it would speak and not lie: though it tarry.

Upon returning to Heppner it seemed a strange thing to tell people that lights would come and go from Heppner, Oregon. Heppner is a sleepy little community of 1,400 people. There is no bus, plane, train, nor even a taxi. Yet God has watched over His word to perform it. People have come to the Ministry House from all over the world. As of 1998, teams have gone out from Heppner and ministered in over 17 countries. Who but God could have done such a thing?

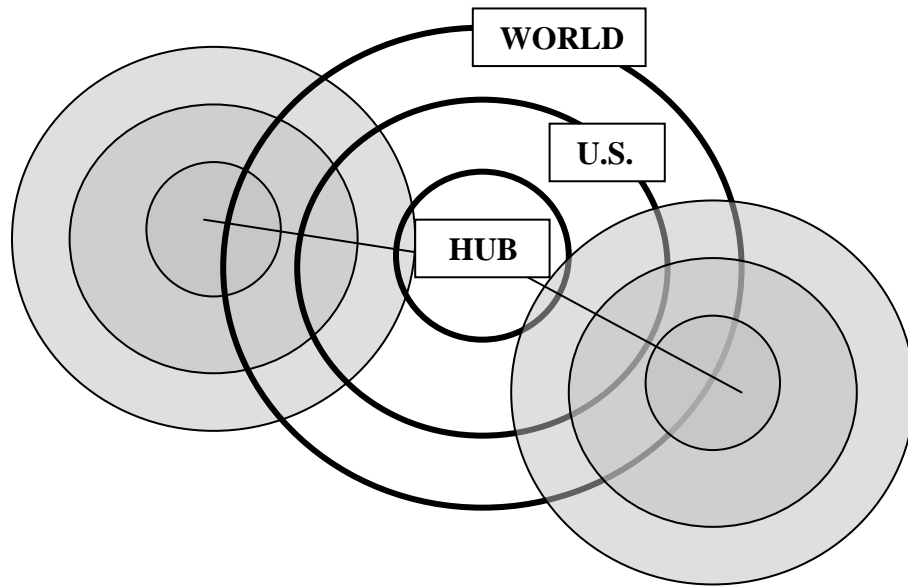
In 1987, I went to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. While there I had another vision. Once again I found myself suspended over the same map. I saw little chain links moving all over the map. Some would come together, and not close. But when links did close, I could hear the sound in my ears. It sounded like big iron doors closing. I knew within me, it was God fitting a people together for His purpose in the earth. I knew when those links joined together forming a chain, that not the hand of man or the hand of the enemy would be able to break those links.

At that time, I did not understand scripturally what God was doing in this day. Now I see His plan more clearly. The glory will arise upon a people and that people will be called Zion. They will be fitly joined and see eye to eye.

Lynda L. Crane

**THE VISION THE LORD GAVE TO
ELOHIM COVENANT**

HUB- DAILY MINISTRY
COUNTRY- WEEKLY MINISTRY
WORLD- MONTHLY MINISTRY



VISION FOR THE CITY OF HEPPNER

CITY OF REFUGE

*Since we began here, the Lord has spoke to us about Heppner being a City of Refuge. (Refer to letter to Brethren) This has been confirmed many times.

MINISTRY HOUSE

*An open door for any that would desire to come.

*Daily Bible studies.

*It is my prayer that as we become a house of prayer, that God will raise up one on staff that will lead in making the Ministry House a house of prayer.

*Part time Bed and breakfast.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

*Preparation for taking the Gospel of the Kingdom to the nations.

*We will assist in bringing those committed and chosen by God to Heppner, for preparation.

*Secure apartment next to Ministry House for school. Remodel bottom floor for sanctuary and church office.

*Top floors to remain apartments.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*It is my prayer that our children will be trained in the ways of the Lord.

MOTEL

*This will supply an outreach for those coming to Heppner plus a job and housing for a couple plus two extra jobs.

COMBINATION BAKERY, LUNCH AND GIFT SHOP

*This will supply jobs plus and outlet for imports.

IMPORT AND EXPORT

*This will help supply the funds and work for those involved here.

January 17, 2001

Brethren,

A call from Mary Ella Johnson on 1/11/01, shortly after rising started my day. She related to me that God had awakened her in the night from a sound sleep. He spoke the word “bottle.” Not understanding, her reply to God was, “Please be more specific.” Not hearing anything further she fell asleep once again. Then as before she was wide awake from a sound sleep. “You have the answer to a question Lynda has been asking me.”

After hanging up the phone I could not think of any question I had asked the Lord for which the answer could be bottle. Never the less through all the years of knowing Mary Ella I knew she carried a sure word and I’d learned to listen to her. I pondered her words before the Lord for most of the day, “What could this possibly mean?”

In the afternoon I had picked up some papers I had received from Clayt Sonmore a couple days prior to this. In my busyness I had skimmed over them, pulling out a few priceless nuggets as always. But I felt to read them thoroughly. So in obedience I began to read. Then on the 8th page of the second set of papers the shades went up. Quote: “Dear ones reading this treatise. Something needs to be done to unbottle that which Satan has far too long suppressed.”

The answer was here!! I knew the question now and God was speaking! I will try and share the question and the answer as it unfolded that day.

The question was about the visions God gave me so many years before. Refer to page 11 in, “Breaking Bread Book”. We’ve seen God fulfill the first vision. People have come here to H.C.M.F. from all over the world. They still come. We’ve gone all over the world and we’re still going.

God has ordained Heppner to be a “City of Refuge”. This word has been confirmed many times but I really did not have the understanding until now.

From Clayt Sonmore’s paper the Lord led me through **Numbers 35**. I want to state here my understanding of the children of Israel in verse 2. The children of Israel are those that are Jews inwardly, not natural born. They are the spiritual stick in Ezekiel 37. It is out of this group (the children of Israel) the 144,000 (the few) will come (Rev. 7:4).

In Numbers 35 we see murderers fleeing to the city of refuge. Let us ask ourselves who they are. “Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer”, 1John 3:15. Crudens concordance says: Hate – this word is used in the bible frequently, not for literal hatred, but a dislike, or even a lesser degree of love for one than for another.

These murderers flee to a city of refuge. (Note there are 3 cities on each side of the Jordan.) They are kept safe there from the avenger. These murderers then stand before the congregation in judgment.

There was a time when I would hear judgment and what I would hear was annihilation. Now I hear truth. Judgment is unto truth. In the city of refuge the murderer will stand before the congregation in judgment (v.12). God will have a covenant people here that will speak truth in love.

H.C.M.F. has been and will continue to be a place of refuge for the church, for the stranger and for that one traveling and needing a place to sleep for the night (v.15.)

In verse 25 we see that it is the congregation not one individual that will deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of **his** refuge. We know the Lord is our refuge. That one that is restored abides there unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with holy oil. (Without going into why I believe this, it indicates a change of priesthood - Levitical to Melchisedec.)

In verse 30 we see that no murderer will be put to death by only the testimony of one witness. Jesus Christ is the Faithful Witness. He is the Word: Written, Spoken and Living. It is so important that we have ears to hear what the Spirit is speaking to the church today, so that we will be established to be His house in the mouth of two or three witnesses. I believe the Melchisedec Priesthood will be established with two witnesses (the written and spoken Word arising in them". Then as the Word or He is revealed in them, the hand will come forth (refer to 1Kings 18:44) to show the doubting church the scars, that they may be established with the third witness - The Living Word. When the priesthood and the church become one (united in faith which comes from an ear to hear) then the world will know. (V. 34)

Several years ago the Lord spoke to me traveling from Heppner to Hermiston. My daughter Kimberly was driving and there is a place in route that it looks as if God has set a glass bowl on top of the earth. You can see the horizon all the way around. As my heart was filled with the beauty of His creation I saw like accordion doors all around the horizon. But on my left, His hand was on the door and it was open a portion. He then gave me Exodus 23:29-30. I understood then that as we went out to occupy the land, we had to be increased. If He gave us it all at once it would become desolate because we didn't have enough of Him to tend it. But little by little as that increase came we would occupy!

From Numbers 35 the Lord took me to Deuteronomy 7. When God shall bring us into the land to possess it, we will find enemies there. In verses 3-5, He tells how to deal with them. We're not to make marriages with them but we are to destroy their altars, break down their images, cut down their groves and burn their graven images with fire. The priesthood God is bringing forth in this hour will separate the holy from the profane. Chosen not because they are more in number than any people, for they are the fewest of all people (v.7.) A priesthood brought out with a mighty hand (ref. Rev. 18:4) and redeemed out of the house of bondage. The church, which we see now, is in bondage. (Gal. 4:25, Ps. 68:6) But God is bringing forth a Priest that will have the ability to lift up a church whom He loves

so much. Out of the abundance of their heart their mouth will speak to free the captives. And the Lord thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee. (Deut. 7:22 tie this with Ex. 23:29-30). The kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ (Rev. 11:15.) When his judgments are in the earth the people of the world will learn righteousness (Is. 26:9.)

Many of us have found ourselves in the refining fire but we must understand that in the fire one will show up like Him. Let us not reject the chastening of the Lord and let us not be satisfied until we awake in his likeness. As we have been led through the wilderness we must understand the purpose: to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments or not (Deut. 8:2.)

The Lord gave me four words this year: **willingness, commitment, covenant, and faithfulness**. The willing and the obedient will eat the good of the land! May God give us understanding in these things. May each of us sing that old song, "I Surrender All!"

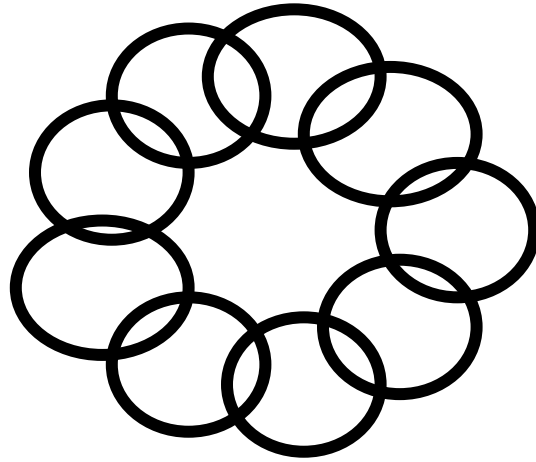
It is time for the house of the Lord to be built (Haggai). He is the Master builder. We must let him arise! Christ in you, the hope of glory. He is preparing a living sacrifice. May we grow up together into Him. Certainly God is going to bring a people together from all over the world. They will speak the same language and supply what the other have need of. As for those of us here in Heppner, I believe when our obedience is fulfilled we will be fitted with other parts to supply. But we must no longer be ignorant of the devil's devices. We must be obedient to be doers of the word God has given us. We must not allow the enemy to suppress what God has given us any longer.

Clayt Sonmore said that many accept the message in theory but because of the cost to walk this way, the same ones reject it in implementation. Let us continue on to know Him that He might be formed in us. That we might awake in his likeness. It is the message of the kingdom that will be preached in all the world for an end to come.

Herein is I believe the question I've had for so long and the answer the Lord has given me. It is now the 17th of January and I've set here for several hours since 5 a.m. to write down what the Lord has given. May we pay the cost. None is too great that we may obtain Him. We are his vessel (bottle). As we let Him arise, the desert will be watered.

In His Love and Service,

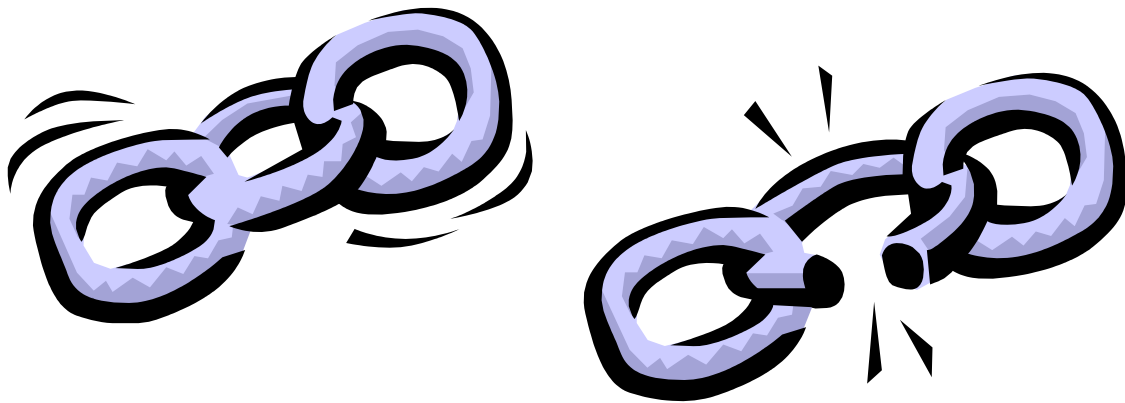
They Shall Come



*The priesthood that God is putting together will all speak the same word and supply what the body has need of.

- ◆ Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. John 17:17
- ◆ Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. John 17:20
- ◆ They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born... Psalms 23:31

*When God fits these links together, not the hand of man, nor the hand of the enemy will be able to break them.



FALLING TREES

(This is a dream I had)

There were many of us walking up a straight road. We were like a platoon of people, about ten abreast. It was daytime and clear. As we walked, suddenly a huge *tree fell across the road. We continued to walk right through the tree. It was as if that tree was just absorbed into my being, bringing strength and life, enabling me to continue walking. Then another tree fell, and another. I began to notice there was a separation going on. The same tree that would bring strength and life to one, became a stumbling block and a rock of offence to another- at which time they would stop walking and sit by the wayside. I cried out to the Lord, "Please don't let me stop!"

"As it is written, Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." Romans 9:33

*The tree was the tree of life. His words are life to those that will find them.

Lynda L. Crane

FALLING TREES

*As I have walked along this path,
I've often come to a fallen tree,
And the only way to go forward,
Is to let it become part of me. {Jn. 1:12}*

*When I do,
The path gets brighter, {Prov. 4:18}
I become freer, {Jn. 8:32}
My load of sin gets lighter.*

*For every tree represents,
A part of His pure Word, {Ps. 119:140}
The part I am accountable for,
Once it's truth I have heard. {Js. 2:26}*

*Many people I once was close to,
I find a distance with today, {Matt. 10:35 & 36}
Many trees have fallen between us,
On this path He called, "The Way." {John 14:6}*

*Still I cannot stop,
For regret there is no place,
I must reach my destination, {I Cor. 9:24-26}
I must see Him face to face! {Ps. 27:8}*

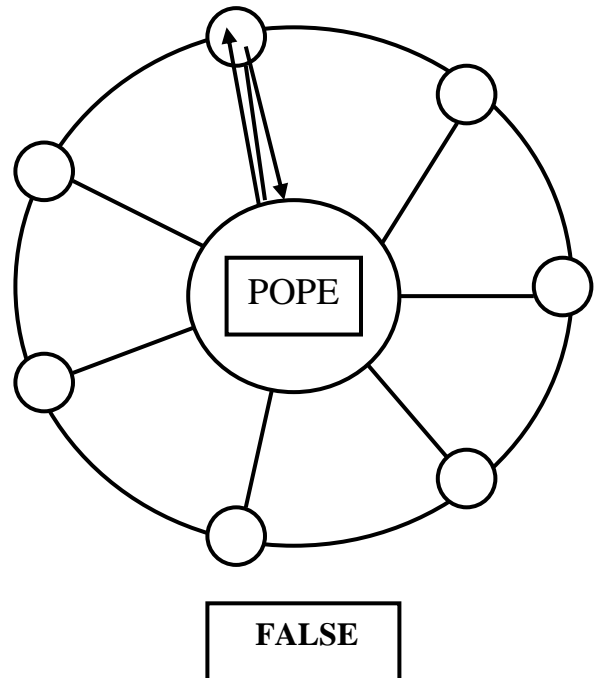
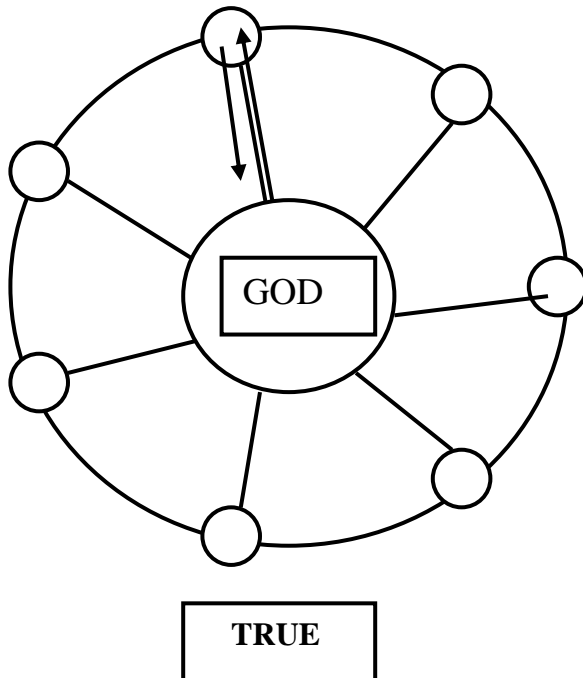
*As I look toward the future,
I fall down on my knees,
Lord, please keep me going forward,
On this path of falling trees. {I Pet. 1:13}*

***"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons
of God." {John 1:12 KJV}***

*Catherine Sims
2/24/97*

UNITY

There are two types of unity: the true unity and the false unity. There is only one true unity, and that is the unity of the faith...Each one speaking the same word, each one supplying what the others have need of.



EXPLANATION OF TWO WHEELS

In the 80's when God showed me these wheels, I saw the first one as an umbrella. He showed me the first one several weeks prior to the second. I did not see the first one as a wheel until I drew it on paper.

NOTE: The real and the counterfeit seemed exactly the same.

At that point of time I never dreamed the Evangelicals and Catholics would ever sign a Togetherness Document. (Point of reference: Charisma Magazine, July, 1995, page 31)
"Charles Colson and Pat Robertson were among the 40 signers of the Evangelicals and Catholics Together Document.

UNITY

Unity, Unity, Unity. That is what we hear everyone talking about. I heard a lady speak these words to me several years ago, prior to her storming out of my living room.

I still talk about unity. I believe it is God's plan to fitly join a people together. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Ps. 133:1

It is however, very important that we understand the difference between true unity and false unity. The unity that God is bringing us to, is the unity of the faith.

He has given some apostles, and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the edifying of the body of Christ; Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: Eph. 4:11-13

Recently I watched a high school band in a parade. Not one of the students was in step. They were all in the same band, and had the same leader, but they were a reproach to their school, as well as to their community. Lack of unity. HELLO CHURCH.

My children were involved in sports. Basketball was the big one. In all the years of going to games, I never saw a winning team that did not work together and listen to their Coach. It's not that their coach was of greater importance; he just knew the direction for them to go. That was his position. The rest of the team knew it and listened to him because they wanted to be a winning team. We can learn much from observing what goes on around us.

When we are fitted together we will be in step. Many times in the past the Church has tried to bring a sort of unity amongst the brethren.

Unless God builds the house, all of our labors are in vain. Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth! Is. 5:8

Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not he unclean thing; and I will receive you.

II Cor. 6:14-17

God wants to bring us into the unity of the faith. We know that faith comes by hearing, and hearing comes by the Word of God. There is a famine in the land for the hearing of the Word of God. Amos 8:11

We must have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church in this hour. Are you hearing the Word? I am not asking if you are reading the Word. I am asking, Are you hearing? His words are spirit and they are life to those that will find them.

When we find the life, then we will have something to feed to others. We must arise to the call of the hour. The Word has been sealed until this hour, but it has been opened and those that are lovers of truth, will come through the Door. Come up higher.

There is a shaking that is going on in the lives of the believers today, and it is God that is doing the shaking. All that is not of God will be pruned from our lives. The truth will make us free.

When we come together in the unity of the faith, then the world will know, that the Father sent the Word and that He loves us.

Lynda L. Crane
1988

VISION OF STOVE AND BURNERS

I saw a stove with multiple burners and on each of those burners sat a vessel. I saw a hand reach toward the dial and as the hand turned the dial to High, I saw it to be the hand of Jesus. I knew all of the impurities in the bottom of each vessel would come to the top. Each vessel would then have an opportunity to allow Him to skim those impurities off or push them down once again to the bottom of the vessel. (Perhaps by removing the vessel from the heat)

*This vision was given in the early 90's and we have all felt the heat. It is my prayer we will all allow the Consuming Fire to purge His house.

*Joan McDaniel brought this confirming word to the body.

Wherefore thus saith the Lord God; Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose scum is therein, and whose scum is not gone out of it! Bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it. For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the top of a rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust; That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered. Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Woe to the bloody city! I will even make the pile for fire great. Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned. Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be molten in it, that the scum of it may be consumed. Ezekiel 24:6-11

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AMEN

Strong's Concordance #281- so be it

In the late 80's I attended a tent meeting in Washington. The people were very responsive. Every time the preacher said something they agreed with, "AMEN!" would echo. "The world is in terrible shape," "Amen!"

Then, I saw the enemy. He had a legal document in his hand and he was walking up and down the aisles. Every time a believer added their amen to a negative statement, his hand would come down and stamp the document. (The stamp looked like something a Notary would use).

I learned something that day. Surely we are snared by the words of our mouth and we as believers must not add our SO BE IT (AMEN) to anything we do not want to be. We must order our conversation aright and overcome with the words of our testimony. Let us fight that fight of faith!

FIVE HORSES & A WAGON

I found myself sitting on a huge wagon. Pulling this wagon were five huge horses. Their eyes were blazing. With muscles taunt, I knew they were all ready to lunge forward. I thought to myself, “Like horses ready to run in a race, waiting for the signal.” But I was also aware these horses were not lined up like they needed to be. If you were to hold your hand in front of you and spread your fingers, this was the positioning of these five horses. Their reins were in my hands. As I sat on the seat of this wagon my feet dangled, not touching the floor. I was so small! The reins of these horses filled my hands. Knowing they needed to be in line to pull this huge wagon and knowing I was too small to yank on their reins, I knew also they had to be able to hear; Click, Click.

As they lined up and were able to hear, they began to pull together. The wagon began to move and as it did, I saw many people running trying to get on that wagon. It was too late for most. I felt very sad for them.

***I believe the five horses are the five fold ministry and the wagon represents the vision or plan of God for this hour.**

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TESTIMONIES

MARTHA'S PRAYER

2/10/83

As I share, I pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will direct my thoughts and each word, that He might be glorified.

Many of us could spend hours telling of the wonderful things God has done in our lives. Physical healings, emotional healings, financial blessings, the list goes on and on. Truly, He is a miracle working God.

The story I want to tell you could well be entitled, "Martha's Prayer." Martha was my mom. She was raised near Eugene, Oregon, with three brothers and one sister. They have all spent their lives near the same area, with the exception of my mother, who after marrying my dad, moved to eastern Oregon.

At the age of seventeen, during the depression and before meeting my dad, mom had a baby out of wedlock. After six months together he was put up for adoption.

Eleven years later and several years after my mom and dad were married, I was born. When I was around five years old, mom was told she had six weeks to live. They had operated on her only to close her up, as the cancer was too far spread. Those six weeks the doctors had given her, stretched into a four and a half-year period of time.

During those years the very smell of death lurked in our home. But also during this time, Jesus came into my mother's heart. As a child I don't know that I was aware of what had happened in her life, but I was very much aware of how much she loved Jesus and a hope and peace inside her, in spite of the storm.

Recently my girls and I were in a literal storm. We were in a 26-foot boat when the weather hit. It was very rough, with waves coming over the bow. I'm sure the thought of drowning entered all of our minds. I rebuked the waters and prayed that God would calm the seas, but it continued to get worse. We did make it back safely but I was troubled and sought the Lord, asking him why he didn't stop the storm. His reply was, "I may not always calm the waters, but I will always bring you through if you'll keep your eyes on me."

I know, as I look back- it was the hand of Jesus that held my mom steady during those years of illness. I know too that she prayed much for those loved ones she would leave behind.

Mom died when I was nine. My dad raised me as an only child by himself, until I married at the young age of sixteen. He died a year later.

My life after mom died was one of loneliness, hurt, resentment and rebellion. I was always looking for something or someone.

It was not until I was 28 years old that I finally found what I'd been searching for. During all those years I'd been to many churches but it was not until this time that I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ. I always figured that one day when I was good enough or tired of having fun, I'd make a commitment to Him. Well, I never did get to that point. But you know what? He took me just like I was.

Since that time, He's held my hand. I've always known that He was there. "An ever present help in the time of trouble." I wish I could say that since that time I've walked with Him and been obedient, but I can't. After the father of my four children and I split up; feeling like my life was over, I went back to a worldly life. Convinced in my mind that I had committed the unpardonable sin, I lived in that world for two horrible years. I felt that having known Christ in such a real way and then walking away, that there was no longer a sacrifice for my sins. Satan will use scripture against us. He will twist the Word and tell you anything to keep you from returning to Jesus; to keep you from appropriating those promises in God's Word- to keep you from asking for forgiveness- to keep you from an abundant life- to keep you in defeat.

One of the few things that my mom left me was a Bible. In the front she had written Eph. 6:12-13: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

It is so very important that we put on the full armor. Our adversary the devil is lurking about seeking whom he can kill and destroy. We are at war! If you don't know who your enemy is and how to fight him, he will walk over the top of you. In Christ there is victory!

After mom died, the only one in her family that I was in contact with was her sister and her two sons. I never knew about my brother until I was seventeen. I longed during the years after mom died, to be a part of a family. As a little girl I remember walking home one evening and seeing a family sitting around a table and eating. I cried and cried.

After walking away from the Lord, a special friend of mine invited me to an Aglow retreat. Finally, to more-or-less get her off my back, I agreed to go. The retreat lasted for three days. I had never before experienced the presence of God in such a powerful way. Those three days changed my life. Since that time the Lord has been in the process of putting my, messed up life, back together.

He never once let me down. That child, that parent, that spouse, that brother or sister, or me... will all let you down, but not Jesus! We must keep our eyes on Him. Not others. He'll never leave nor forsake you. If you will come unto Him, He will give you rest.

After the Aglow retreat the Lord gave me such a hunger for more of Him and His Word. I think I went to every service I could attend for two years. I was in the Word almost constantly. I praise Him for that hunger. For as the Word has gone into me, I've been

able to stand, even when times were hard.

During that period of time I found out the name of the home my brother had been put in. I called and they told me there was no way that I could ever find him.

Not long after this I attended a convention. After the meeting I was talking with a group of people when a lady walked up to me. I recognized her as having been a friend of my mom's. With tears streaming down her face she said, "Lynda, you are an answer to your mother's prayers." An answer to Martha's prayers. I was so blessed. Being a mother myself I knew a little of what my mom must have felt, knowing she was leaving me behind. I knew too, those same prayers went before the Lord on behalf of my brother. A brother I dared not even hope to find.

But then the day came when the Lord kindled that hope. I was on a plane flying from Alaska to Oregon. On this plane was a Jewish man who had been adopted and was on his way to meet his natural family. At this point, knowing God was not a respecter of persons, I began to pray, "Lord please let my brother find me." Eight months later, the end of November, I got a phone call from Massachusetts. Across the line came a male voice. "Are you sitting down?" "My name is Gordon Marker, and I'm your brother." I don't think I can describe the joy that filled my heart at that moment. I shook from head to toe. I laughed and cried. Truly, God's arm is not short. He is able to do far above all that we can think or hope.

On January 11th, 1983 at 6:30 p.m., I met my brother for the first time at the Portland Airport. The moment I saw him it was as if we were the only two people there. He has the most beautiful smile. We embraced and it was as if every dream I'd ever had came true at that moment. My brother! My very own brother. And he loved me back. We were never strangers. He'd never had a sister and I'd never had a brother. Yet here we were. It was wonderful.

We spent one week together. And what a week it was. We went to Eugene and met with all our mother's family. Fifty-seven in all. They had a reunion just for us, the very first. And what a feast they had prepared. Martha's kids had returned! Not only were Gordon and I together now, but here was this huge family to love and to be loved by. There were many tears; a real beginning of healing to many relationships. One cousin said later, "Our lives will never be the same, never again will we take so for granted those things Gordon and you have longed for all your lives, namely family." Later Gordon and I held one another and cried for joy of our mom Martha, whom we both had missed so.

Also during this time I met Gordon's 86 year old adoptive mom. Little Mama Marker. She's about five-foot tall and weighs all of ninety-eight pounds. She had raised Gordon by herself since he was 14, in Corvallis, Oregon. She welcomed me with open arms, happy to have a new daughter.

Isaiah 61:1-3

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HEALING

My Personal Journey

My mom died of cancer when I was about ten years old. She had been diagnosed with cancer four and one half years prior to her death. At that time she had been given six weeks to live. She had cervical cancer, but when in surgery, it was found that the cancer had spread throughout her body.

During the last years of her life, there were many visits to the hospital. As a young girl, I well remember spending many nights in the hospital room with her and numerous rides on the elevator. Often I would go to the roof on which I could look over the wall and see our entire town. Often that elevator took me to the cafeteria in the basement. Sometimes it was to the other floors and other patients. It was like a world all in itself. So much going on, and so many faces.

My mom was a very pretty and petite lady, but the cancer ravaged her body. Weekly the doctor would come to our home to tap the water from her swollen stomach. Her cries and the smell of cancer filled our once happy home.

My dad held on to her tightly. We went to every doctor that talked of a cure. We went to a healing crusade. Yet at 39 years of age, she was gone. Leaving a husband, whose life she was, and a little girl who needed her mom.

Yet life goes on. My dad never remarried, and eight years later, he joined her after a fatal heart attack. By that time I was married and had the first of four children, two sons and two daughters.

By 1983 my sons were grown, and my daughters were fifteen and twelve. We were living in Alaska. It was there that I heard the doctor say to me, "Mrs. Crane, there is a large growth on your cervix. It doesn't look good, and I have scheduled you to see a surgeon two weeks from today."

Those two weeks were the longest two weeks of my life. The first thing that engulfed me was fear. Fear of pain, fear of the unknown, and fear of death. Fear gripped my heart, but the mercy and grace of God led me through. It is a time for which I am now grateful.

The first thing that God spoke to me as the fear subsided was, "Go back to the things you first learned." My mind raced. What was the first thing? And then I knew. The first thing the Lord taught me about was healing.

When I first came to the Lord I had a real struggle over the question of healing. My mom loved the Lord, she believed in healing, and yet she had died. Why? How could that be? Was healing His will? These were questions only He could answer for me, and He did. The spirit led me throughout the Bible and brought me to a place where I knew that the Lord's will was always life.

The day after the Lord spoke to me, I went to our weekly evening bible study. I asked the group to lay hands on and to pray for me, if they believed God would heal me. I came home that night, knowing that my life and my children were in His hand and all was well.

The next day my long awaited appointment with the surgeon arrived. Even my time in the waiting room, seemed an eternity. Finally the nurse called my name, and I found myself in a sterile room on a table, being examined by a Doctor Babcock. He seemed puzzled and called for the x-rays again. Finally he said, "Mrs. Crane, I don't understand it, but what was there is gone. It looks like someone just took a knife and cut it off."

Tears of joy were streaming down my face as I jumped off the table with my hands lifted to God exclaiming, "I understand! I understand! The Lord has healed me."

John 6:63 "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing, the words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life."

HEALTH.....God's Will

There are things in every believer's life that must be overcome. I used to think that I had a choice as to whether I would be an overcomer or not. And I do, as do you. However, we will either be an overcomer or we will be overcome.

I used to have a piece of paper on the front of my refrigerator stating, "Believe and receive, Doubt and do without." God's words are life to those that will receive them. There are several scriptural ways to obtain healing. The Word of God is above every circumstance and feeling. Receive His Word.

Matt. 22:29 ...Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

❖ **Believe the Word and receive**

My son attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Proverbs 4:20-22

Read- Matt. 13:15, Acts 20:32

❖ **Call for the elders of the church**

Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:14-16

❖ **The prayer of agreement, binding and loosing**

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:18-20

Read- Deut. 32:30, John 15:7

❖ **Taking our thoughts captive to the Word of God**

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; II Corinthians 10:3-5

Read- Phil. 4:8

❖ **Prayer of faith**

And Jesus answering saith unto them Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed ,and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:22-24

Read- Mark 11:24-26, John 16:23-24

❖ **Words of faith, speaking life**

There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health. Proverbs 12:18

Read- Mark 4, Mark 11:23-24, Luke 7:6-7

❖ **Laying on of hands by the believer**

And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. Mark 16:17-18

❖ **The gift of healing**

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; I Corinthians 12:4:9

Read- I Cor. 12:4-11, Mark 5:23

❖ **The name of Jesus**

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. Acts 3:6

Read- Acts 3:16, John 14:12-14, I John 3:23

❖ **Acting upon the Word rather than the circumstance**

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Proverbs 16:3

Read- I Peter 5:5-7, Matt. 7:7-8

❖ **Praise**

Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Psalms 147:1-3

Read- Is. 38:18-19

❖ **Fasting**

Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward. Isaiah 58:8

❖ **Partaking of the Lord's supper**

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.

Isaiah 53:5

Read- Ex. 12:3-11, I Cor. 11:23-30

Additional Healing Scriptures

Isaiah 53:5 Prov. 4:20-22 Matt. 8:17 I Peter 2:24 Jer. 30:17 Psalms 107:20

Bleeding	Ez. 16:6	Blood	Joel 3:21
Hearing, sight, speech	Is. 32:3,4	Barrenness	Ps. 113:9
Broken bones	Ps. 34:20	Arthritis	Job 4:3,4
Stomach problems, cancer	Ex. 23:25	Colds	Ps. 91:3
Heart	Ps. 73:26	Facial	Ps. 42:4,11
Warts	Matt. 15:13	Insomnia	Ps. 127:2
Fever	Luke 4:38,39		



The House

HOUSE OF GLORY 1996

Corozal Town, Belize, Central America

Standing before the congregation of the Nazarene Church, I remember looking at all of those dear faces and crying out to God; “What am I to lay on the table?”

There seemed to be so many needs; Babies needing milk, young men needing someone to break bread to them, and others who were ready for the meat of the word. It was then that the Lord gave me the following teaching.

We are His house (Hebrews 3:6). Without a firm foundation a house will not weather the storm. It is in having done all, that we will be able to stand in this evil day (Ephesians 6:13).

Woe be unto us that are with child and are giving suck in this day (Matthew 24:19). If we are giving suck, we are giving milk. This we will do if God permit, but, we must go on unto perfection.

There is a hiding place in Him where the evil one touches us not. He is our Hiding Place. We must get into the ark, which is in the Holiest of All. It is by the immutability of his counsel; we enter into that place in Him where the evil one touches us not.

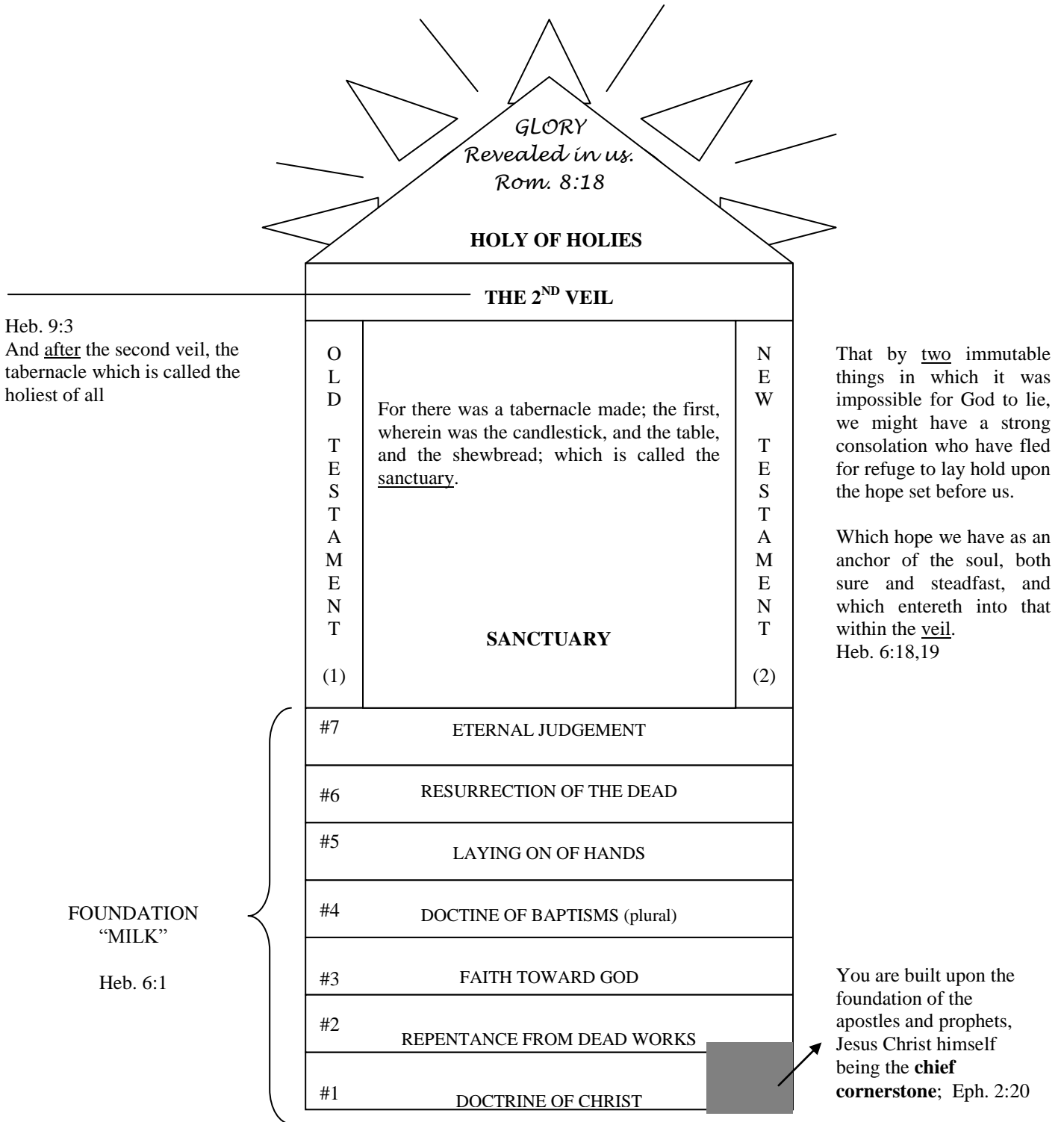
Then said I, Lo, I come, in the volume of the book it is written of me (Hebrews 10:7).

Is. 4:5
 Heb. 9:5

The glory shall be your defense
 And over it the cherubims of glory
 Shadowing the mercy seat.

Heb. 4:4

The 7th day



BUILDING THE HOUSE OF GOD

Milk is the foundation of our life, in the natural and in the spiritual. However there comes a point in our life when we need to get off of the milk and on to the meat.

If we are still on milk we will be unskillful in the word of righteousness and our senses will not be exercised to discern both good and evil. Hebrews 5:13-14

If we are giving only milk, we are giving suck. We must grow up for the day is upon us. Read- Ephesians 4:14-15

Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. Isaiah 28:9

MILK (Foundation)

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do if God permit. Hebrews 6:1-3

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| 2. Laying on of hands | 6. Resurrection of the dead |
| 3. Faith Toward God | 7. Eternal Judgment |
| 4. Doctrine of Baptisms | |

You are God's house. The foundation must be in place, then the walls can go up and the roof can go on. LET US GO ON UNTO PERFECTION!!!

My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you. Galatians 4:19

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

Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you the hope of glory. Colossians 1:26,27

But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. Psalms 3:3

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:18 **THE GLORY SHALL BE A DEFENSE IN THIS HOUR !**

Read- Isaiah 4
BUILD YOUR HOUSE!

*The Lord is building his Church,
Through divine revelation, {Matt. 16:17 & 18}
He's purging away,
The doctrines and rudiments of men. {Matt. 15:6 & Col. 2:8}*

*"Line upon line",
"Precept upon precept",
"Here a little, and there a little", {Is. 28:10}
The truth He reveals, we must fully accept.*

*"Buy the truth",
"And sell it not", {Prov. 23:23}
Though it take all you have,
It must not be bought! {Matt. 13:46}*

*His old house is growing desolate,
It's being torn down, {Is. 1:7}
His people must be alerted!
They must hear the, "sound"! {Heb. 12:19}*

*New wine has to be poured,
Into a new wineskin, {Luke 5:37 & 38}
His new temple needs to be strong, {Jn. 2:19-21}
Before He sends rain once again. {Hos. 6:3}*

*"Through wisdom is an house builded;"
"And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled," {Prov. 24:3 &4}
But up until this time,
The words have been sealed. {Dan. 12:9}*

*Now, both as a whole,
And individually,
We must allow Him to rebuild us, {Heb. 3:6}
Continually.*

*For, Church, we are entering,
That final hour,
When we'll see His house filled,
With His glory and power! {II Chron. 5:14 & Hag. 2:9}*

*"Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established."
{Proverbs 24:3 KJV}*

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THE LATTER HOUSE

*It's a glorious house,
That the Lord wants to build,
But the stones must be shapen, {I Kings 6:7}
Each member must yield. {Rom. 6:13}*

*I must esteem you,
And you, esteem me, {Philip. 2:3}
As we share with each other,
The part that we see. {Eph. 4:16}*

*No more ceiled houses, {Hag. 1:4}
The hour is late!
It's time to plead for the truth, {Is. 59:4}
No more strife and debate. {Is. 58:4}*

*In this place He'll give peace, {Hag. 2:9}
But can you sense his frustration?
For many have come,
And scattered his nation. {Ezek. 34:6}*

*"Through wisdom is an house builded",
"By understanding it is established", made sure! {Prov. 24:3}
A house fit for the King's glory, {II Chron. 5:14}
Forever to endure! {Ps. 23:6}*

*"The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom",
"And to depart from evil is understanding", {Job 28:28}
It's time to build the house! {Hag. 1:8}
The voice is commanding. {Matt. 3:3}*

*So, go up to the mountain,
Bring plenty of wood, {Hag. 1:8}
For the Lord is building a house,
Like no man ever could! {I Kings 6:7}*

"The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." {Haggai 2:9 KJV}

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MILK

Hebrews 5:12-14

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For everyone that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness; for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

This passages points out two things that babes will lack:

- They will be unskillful in the word of righteousness.
- They will not be able to discern both good and evil.

The word goes on to tell us what milk is.

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do if God permit. Hebrews 6:1-3

1. Doctrine of Christ
2. Repentance from dead works
3. Faith toward God
4. Doctrine of baptisms
5. Laying on of hands
6. Resurrection of the dead
7. Eternal judgment

It is time to get off of the milk and on to the meat. Time to go on to perfection.

That the man of God may be perfect, (#739 in Strong's Concordance meaning complete) thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Tim. 3:17

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, (full-aged, complete) be thus minded. Philippians 3:14

DOCTRINE OF CHRIST

HEBREWS 6:1

Doctrine: Strong's #3056 logos something said (including the thought) by impl. A topic (subject of discourse)

In the beginning was the *Word* and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

Word: Strong's #3056

...for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6

Who is a liar but he that denieth Jesus is the Christ? He is the antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 1 John 2:22-25

Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine. Titus 2:1

*Refer to Who is Christ. Page 99 in Breaking Bread Book

Christ: Strong's #5547 anointed i.e. the Messiah, an epithet of Jesus.

Epithet: Webster's Dictionary expressing quality considered characteristic of a person.

**Jesus is God. He is the Word. He is the Cornerstone. He is the Masterbuilder. As His house, we must let the Word arise in us. As He increases and we decrease, we are conformed into his image.*

Other scriptures:

Matthew 19:21

I Peter 2:6

Ephesians 2:20-22

John 1:1-2 & 14

... for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6b

REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10

**Note- there are dead works, and good works.*

Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make himself of twain one new man, so making peace.

Ephesians 2:15

Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Zechariah 4:6b

Who hath made us able ministers of the New Testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. II Corinthians 3:6

Beware let any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. Colossians 2:8

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. Hebrews 4:1

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Hebrews 4:10

***Dead Works: Our strength trying to do Gods work.**

Strong's Concordance Definitions:

Dead #3498 (a corpse); dead (lit. or fig.) also as a noun:-- dead

Works #2041 (to work); toil (as an effort or occupation) an act:-- deed, doing, labor, work

FAITH TOWARD GOD

For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. Romans 3:3,4

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) Hebrews 10:23

*We must understand that faith comes by hearing and hearing comes by the Word. We need to have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying. The famine today is for the hearing (Amos 8). Do you hear what you are reading? May God give us ears to hear!

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings; Let them not depart from thine eyes; Keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Proverbs 4:20-22

Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. I Peter 1:21

But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident for, The just shall live by faith. Galatians 3:11-12

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6

And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? Luke 18:7-8

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Revelation 14:12

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is the Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, an faithful. Revelation 17:14

DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS

❖ BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE

John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Mark 1:4

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. II Corinthians 7:10

Read- Luke 3:3, Acts 13:24, Acts 19:4

❖ BAPTISM OF WATER

I indeed baptize you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. Mark 1:8

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. Acts 1:5

Read- Luke 7:29 20:4 3:16, Acts 1:5, 22 18:25 11:16, Matt. 3, Mark 1:4,8,9, John 1:26,33

❖ BAPTISM OF HOLY GHOST

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. Acts 1:8

Then remembered I the word of the Lord how he said, John indeed baptized with water but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Acts 11:16

❖ BAPTIZED INTO JESUS CHRIST, BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Romans 6:3

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Galatians 3:27

❖ BAPTISM OF FIRE

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Matthew 3:11

John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Luke 3:16

❖ BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. I Corinthians 12:13

And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but is shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. Matthew 20:23

Read- Mark 10:36-39

LAYING ON OF HANDS

**Here we see laying on of hands being a sign following the believer, resulting in the sick being healed.*

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. Mark 16:15-18

And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. Mark 5:23

**Here we see impartation resulting from the laying on of hands.*

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. I Timothy 4:14

For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; Romans 1:11

And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. Acts 8:18-19

**NOTE...*

Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. I Timothy 5:22

RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

Matthew 22:29-32

And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection. Luke 20:34-36

(Read from verse 23) And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, we will hear thee again of this matter.

Acts 17:32

But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. Acts. 23:6

(Read to verse 21) And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. Acts 24:15

And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. Romans 1:4

I Corinthians 15 READ ENTIRE CHAPTER

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made comformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Philippians 3:10-11

Also read v. 12-14

Romans 8 READ THE ENTIRE CHAPTER

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Romans 8:11

Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. Psalm 68:1

Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. Romans 6:8 (Read all of Romans 6)

ETERNAL JUDGMENT

Strong Concordance Definitions:

Eternal in the Greek # 165- from the same as 104; prop. an age; by extens. Perpetuity (also past); by impl. the world; spec. (Jewish) a Messianic period (present or future):- age, course, eternal, (for) ever (-more), ever, (beginning of the, while the) world (began, without end). Comp. 5550

Eternal #166- from 165; perpetual (also used of past time, or past and future as well):- eternal, for ever, everlasting, world (began).

Judgment in the Greek #2917- from 2919; a decision (the function or the effect, for or against crime) :- avenge, condemned, condemnation, damnation, + go to law, judgment

Judgment #2918- a prim. word; a lilly

Judgment #2919- prop. to distinguish i.e. to decide (mentally or judicially): by impl. to try, condemn, punish:- avenge, conclude, condemn, damn, decree, determine, esteem, judge, go to (sue at the) law, ordain, call in question, sentence to, think.

Judgment #2920- decision (subj. or obj., for or against); by extens. a tribunal; by impl. justice (spec. divine law):- accusation, condemnation, damnation, judgment.

Judgment in the Hebrew #4941- a verdict (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, espec. a sentence or formal decree (human or divine law, individual or collect.), include. the act, the place, the crime, and the penalty; justice, include. a partic. right, or privilege:- plus adversary, ceremony, charge, X crime, custom, desert, determination, due, to be judged, judgment, order, sentence.

*Eternal #166 is the same *eternal* as *eternal* life that is in Matthew 25:46

But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation: Mark 3:29

Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Jude 7

*Judgment is unto truth and truth is unto life, if it is received.

For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Isaiah 61:8

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? I Peter 4:17

A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he has set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law. Isaiah 42:3-4

Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment. Isaiah 41:1

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:7

TWO STICKS: READ EZEKIEL 37

Rev. 7:4 - 144,000 are sealed; 12,000 from all the tribes of the children

<p>Note "Children"</p> <p>Ex. 28:9,21 Ex. 19:6 Rev. 7:4</p>	<p>For Judah & For the</p> <p>C H I L D R E N</p> <p>O F</p> <p>I S R A E L</p> <p>Ez. 37:16</p>	<p>These two sticks shall become one. Read Ez. 37:17,19,20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TWO NATIONS TWO KINGDOMS</p> <p>Ez. 37:22 Gen. 25:22-23 Gal. 4:22-29 Eph.2: 13-19.</p>	<p>For Joseph & For all the</p> <p>H O U S E</p> <p>O F</p> <p>I S R A E L</p> <p>Ez. 37:16,19</p>	<p>James 1:1 ...the twelve tribes which were scattered</p> <p>*The natural testifies of the spiritual</p> <p>Natural Israel or the natural branch was cut off because of unbelief, but He is able to graft them in again, Rom. 11:15-27.</p>
	12 Spiritual Tribes		12 Natural Tribes	

STICK OF JUDAH- SPIRITUAL HOUSE *some things to note*

- ◆ Children are with the stick of Judah, Ez. 37:16. Also read Rev. 7:4, Ex. 19:6, Ex. 19:6
- ◆ The sceptre will not pass from Judah until Shiloh (Strongs #7886, tranquil epithet of the Messiah) comes, Gen. 49:10.
- ◆ Our Lord sprang out of Judah, so will the manifested sons, Heb. 7:14.

STICK OF JOSEPH- NATURAL HOUSE *some things to note*

- ◆ When you read the story of Joseph in Genesis, we find that Joseph supplied the natural food for all of his house.
- ◆ We need to understand that the natural comes first. "Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual but that which is natural and afterward that which is spiritual," I Cor. 15:46.
- ◆ Salvation came to us by natural Israel. Rom.11:11
- ◆ "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit,..." Rom. 2:8,29.

The two sticks shall become one in the hand.

GATHERING STICKS

*"Hath God cast away His people?" (Rom. 11:2)
One might ask if they take a look,
Natural branches were broken off, (Rom. 11:21)
But Israel has not been forsook.*

*If God didn't spare His natural branches,
Then we must all take heed,
We must continue in his goodness, (Rom. 11:22)
Not following the natural's lead!*

*But, the calls to go to Jerusalem,
Seem to go out endlessly,
People always joining hands,
With that place called, "Sodom and Egypt," spiritually. (Rev. 11:8)*

*"He which is joined to an harlot, "
With that harlot, becomes one, (I Cor. 6:16)
The natural and spiritual sticks aren't to be joined,
'Til they're in the hand of the Son. {Ezek. 37:16 &17}*

*He'll take one stick for Judah, (Ezek. 37:16)
And for Israel's children,
Then another stick for Joseph,
And the house of Israel, his companions.*

*Judah and the children,
Represent the spiritual stick,
Though called to be holy and a kingdom of priests, (Heb. 7:4, Ex. 19:16)
Like the natural, they've become so sick.*

*"For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim",
"And for all the house of Israel his companions," (Ezek. 37:16)
This represents natural Israel,
Who becomes fruitful in the land of their afflictions. (Gen. 41:52)*

*Like the man gathering sticks on the Sabbath,
Today, God's people try and try,
Don't we realize he disobeyed,
And for that, he had to die?! (Num. 15:32-36)*

*For gathering the sticks,
It is not the right day,
It must be done in God's time,
And accomplished, his way!*

*The sticks are thrown into the fire,
Instead, in this present hour, (I Kings 17:12, Acts 28:3)
So that they may become a place,
For God's habitation and power! (Ezek. 37:26)*

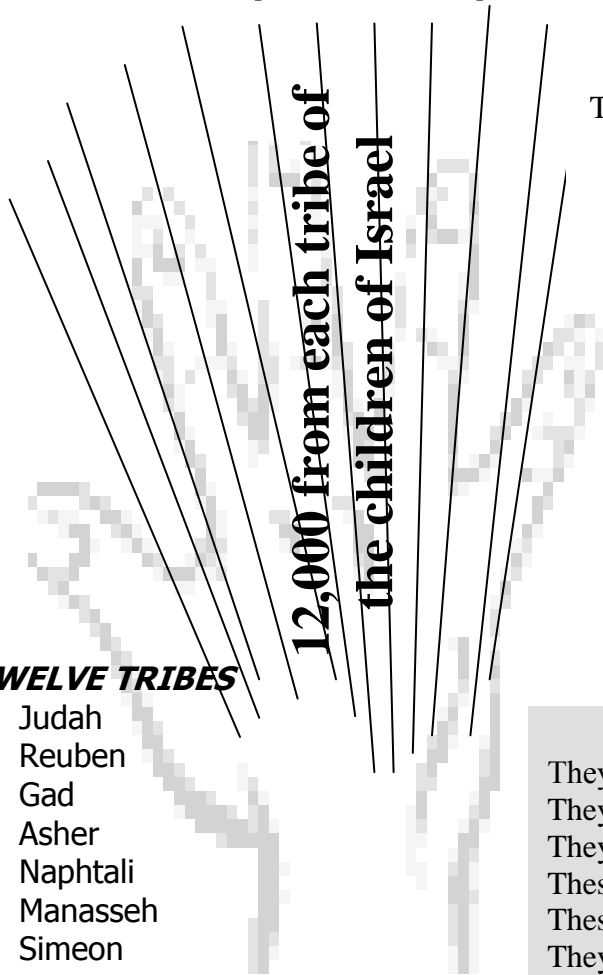
"...Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel and his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in Mine hand." (Ezekiel 37:19 KJV)

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A LITTLE CLOUD LIKE A MAN'S HAND

“And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand.” I Kings 18:44 Read Acts 1:9-11

**In the seventh day, God is going to bring forth a priesthood that will have the ability to lift up a church that has departed from truth. A corporate man in whom He will be revealed. A priest that will separate the holy from the profane.*



TWELVE TRIBES

1. Judah
2. Reuben
3. Gad
4. Asher
5. Naphtali
6. Manasseh
7. Simeon
8. Levi
9. Issachar
10. Zebulan
11. Joseph
12. Benjamin

TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

HUNDRED AND FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND
TWELVE THOUSAND SEALED FROM EACH TRIBE
OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL. REV. 7:4

144,000
FAITHFUL
MANCHILD
ZION
OVERCOMERS
SEED OF CHRIST
SERVANTS OF GOD
(Those sealed)

Four angels stand on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds... till the servants are sealed. (One hundred & forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel). Rev. 7: 1-3

Who are the 144,000? Read Rev. 14:1-5

They sing a new song before the throne...
They have been redeemed from the earth (y)
They will not be defiled with women (churches)
These are they which follow the lamb whithersoever he goeth.
These were redeemed from among men. (refer to Heb. 5:1)
They are the firstfruits unto God and the Lamb. (more fruits to follow)
No guile found in their mouth.
They are without fault before the throne of God.
Note: Rev: 12:5 The man child is caught up unto God and to his throne. Refer to Psalms 9:7.

Joseph was a fore-runner (JEWISH NATION)
Salvation is of the Jews. John 4:22

Jn. 4:22
Rom. 11:11
Acts 28:28
I Cor. 12:13
Jer. 50:4

TWO NATIONS: TWO STICKS
Jews/Gentiles
Stick of Judah/Stick of Joseph

*Those not sealed of the tribes are a great multitude. *They will go through GREAT TRIBULATION.
*They will wash their robes & make them white in the blood of the LAMB. Rev. 7:9, 13,14

TWO KINGDOMS & TWO NATIONS

And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: Ezekiel 37:22

**There is a struggle between the natural kingdom and the spiritual kingdom.*

And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger. Genesis 25:22,23

**The two nations were Esau and Jacob. Natural and Spiritual. Esau sold his birthright for natural food. Many today are falling short of the glory, eating the natural, not understanding His words are Spirit and they are life to those that will find them. We must spiritually discern the Word of God! Read I Corinthians 2:13,14, 15:46*

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. Matthew 24:7

But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Galatians 5:17

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that are nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. Ephesians 2:13-22

**In is a small word, but we need to understand what it means to be in Him. The two nations will become one in the hand. Read Ezekiel 37:15-28, I Kings 18:44*

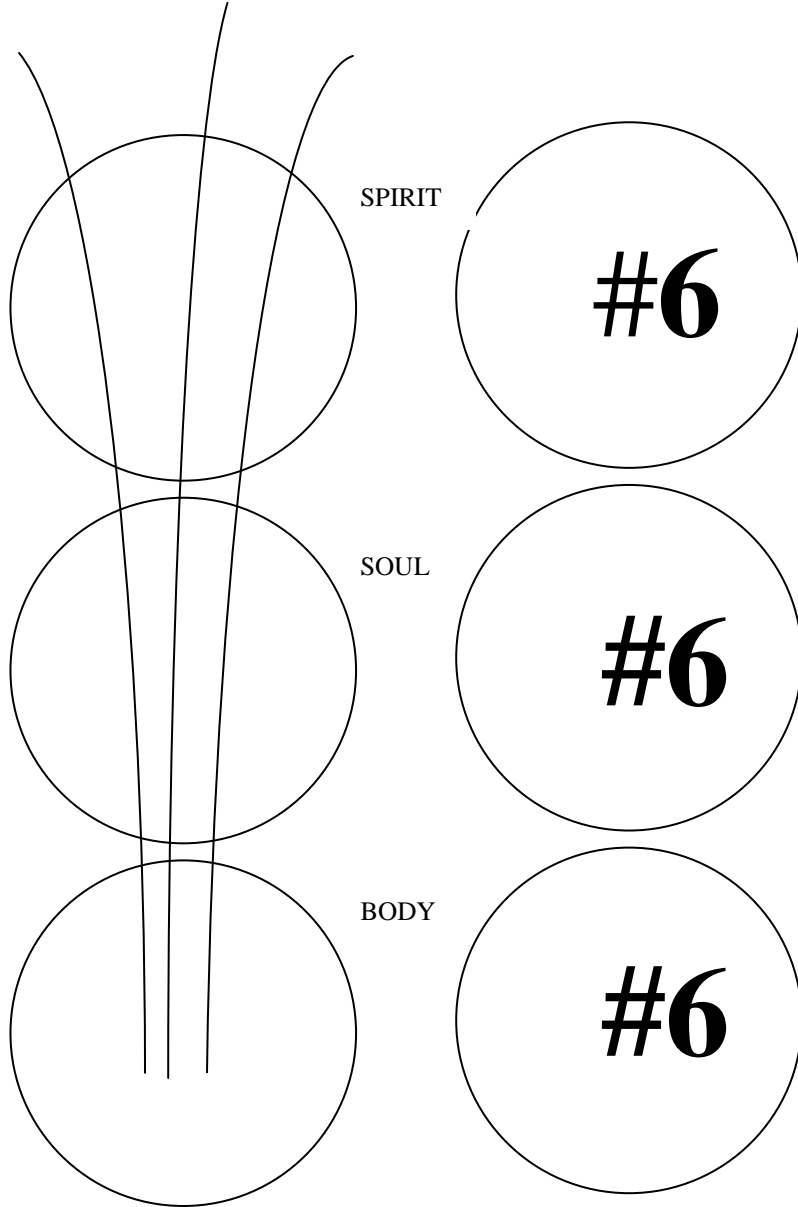
TWO HOUSES

Number of Man (Self)
Is #6

Those that let God
arise Those that the
glory arise Upon will
be called ZION.
Is. 60:14

**GLORY REVEALED
IN US**
Romans 8:18

Let God Arise
Ps. 68:1



**Mark of the
Beast #666
Rev. 13:18**
Here is wisdom. Let
him that hath
understanding count
the number of the
beast. For it is the
number of a man; &
his number six
hundred threescore
& six.

Amos 6:1
Woe to them
that are at
ease in ZION
and trust in
the mountain
of Samaria...

Samaria
#8111-8104
Watchstation
in Self.

The Lord has shown me two houses coming forth in this hour. We are His house and every work will be revealed of what sort it is.

SELF

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves... v 5-6 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. II Timothy 3:1,2

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, showing himself that he is God. II Thessalonians 2:3,4

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots are they and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; II Peter 2:9-15

Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! Amos 6:1

Samaria, Strongs #8111-8104- save self, guard, hedge, take heed to self, watch station in self.

And he must needs go through Samaria. John 4:4

**Jesus Christ, the revealed Word, is in this hour- passing through the mixture in his house. Whose house we are. He wants to arise in his people. He wants us whole- spirit, soul and body. Self must not stand in us. He must increase, but we (self) must decrease. The number of man (self) is #6. If self is ruling in spirit, soul and body, you have the number 666. The Word revealed in you will scatter every enemy. (Psalm 68) The Word has power over all flesh. (John 17:2) He is our glory and the lifter up of our heads. Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nets; but the Son of man hath no where to lay his head. He will lay his head on a many membered man. A man whose mind has been renewed by the washing of the word. Our flesh for too long has withheld Him from being revealed. The glory that shall be revealed in us. LET GOD ARISE!*

A CORN OF WHEAT

*I'm beginning to understand,
Just what it is that He asks,
But to lay my life down,
Is no easy task! {Jn. 15:13}*

*My own ways, my desires,
Still seem so strong, {Gal. 5:17}
Who ever knew,
Dying could take so long?*

*But, unless a corn of wheat dies,
After it falls to the ground,
It brings forth no fruit,
For those hungry, all around. {Jn. 12:24}*

*Jesus laid down His own life,
Therefore, the Father loved Him, {Jn. 10:17}
Jesus loved His Father's sheep, {Jn. 15:13}
He did it for them.*

*And if I serve Jesus,
Where He is, I must be, {Jn. 12:26 & Matt. 16:24}
This is the requirement,
I'm beginning to see.*

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” {John 12:24 KJV}

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LEADERSHIP

RESPONSIBILITIES OF LEADERS AND THOSE THAT LEAD

And he gave some, apostles, and some, prophets, and some, evangelists, and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Ephesians 4:11,12

Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly, not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 1Peter 5:2-6

*Leaders, your responsibility is to feed the flock of God (to perfect them); Not because you have to, nor for money. You are not to lord the authority God has given you but you are to be an example. Jesus the chief shepherd shall be the one you account to and he shall reward you as you are obedient. Those of you that are younger in the Lord, you need to submit yourself to those over you, as unto the Lord. So do not allow pride to come in, but humble yourself under the mighty hand of God. Five fingers (five fold ministry) NOTE: five fingers together make a fist...POWER!

Obeys them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for you souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. Hebrews 13:17

Do all things without murmuring and disputing: that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke. Philippians 2:14-15a

And we beseech you brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. 1Thessalonians 5:12-14

**As God calls us, there is a working out of that call. He has given the church leaders that the body might be brought into maturity. Christ in us, the hope of glory. As leaders allow Him to arise, the body will be edified. We must know those that are over us in the Lord. We each one must learn obedience. Yes, we are to follow after the Lord, but he works through men. We need to have ears to hear His voice. As we humble and submit ourselves to those in authority, God will exalt us in due time. If you are in authority, you need to be under authority. You will never be a good leader if you have never learned to follow.*

FIVE FOLD

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: **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 fullness of Christ:**
Ephesians 4:11-13

APOSTLE Strongs #652 a delegate, an ambassador of the Gospel, officially a commissioner of Christ (with miraculous powers),

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Acts 2:42

By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all the nations, for his name. Romans 1:5

PROPHET- Strongs #4396 foreteller, inspired speaker.

And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. 1 Cor. 14:32

If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.
1 Cor. 14:37

EVANGELIST- Strongs #2099 a preacher of the gospel.

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 2 Timothy 4:5

PASTOR- Strongs G#4166 shepherd H#7462 herdman shepherd

Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the Lord. Jeremiah 23:11

TEACHER- Strongs #1320 instructor, master

My brethren, be not many masters, (masters #1320) knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. James 3:1

And the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient; In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves;
2 Timothy 2:24-25a

And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teacher, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues, 1 Corinthians 12:28

But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you a more excellent way. 1 Corinthians 12:31

Read 1 Corinthians 13:10-12

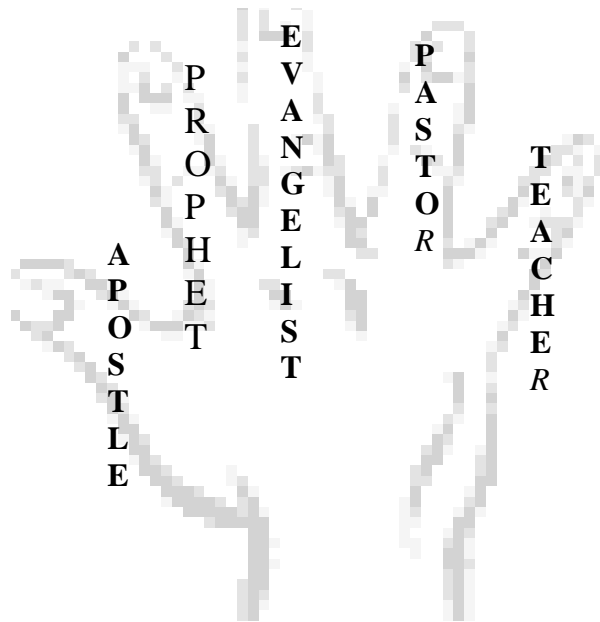
**FIVE FOLD
JESUS IS THE HEAD
Colossians 1:18**



Ephesians 4: 11-12 And he gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints.....
Till we all come into the unity of the faith....unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 1:22-23....the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

Ephesians 3:9 And to know the love of Christ....that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.



Eph. 1:10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of times.

Heb. 5:1 For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God.

1 Kings 18:44
A little cloud like a mans hand out of the sea.....

Zeph. 1:7 ..The day of the Lord is at hand: for the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.

HUSBANDMAN

And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits. Consider what I say: and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

2 Timothy 2:5-7

We are his husbandry (1 Cor. 3:9). As we labor together with Him, we must first be a partaker of the fruit. The fruit that we are to have in our lives is the fruit of the Spirit.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, temperance against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

BISHOP # 1985 a superintendent-bishop, overseer.

This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the house of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into condemnation of the devil.

Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. *2 Timothy 3:1-7*

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, (Strong's #1985) to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. *Acts 20:28*

Deacon #1247 To be an attendant, teacher. From #1249 (to run errands), A waiter (at tables or other menial duties), spec. a Christian teacher.

Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. *1 Timothy 3:8-9*

Husbandman (continued)

Note verse 10

And let these also **first be proved**; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 3:10-13

Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:2-4

*In Acts 1:15-20 we see that Judas Iscariot (one of the twelve) was a bishop.

But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. Matt.23:11

*The word servant in Matt. 23:11, Mark 9:35 and John 12:26 is #1247 which is the same word as deacon in the Greek.

BODY FITLY JOINED

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that

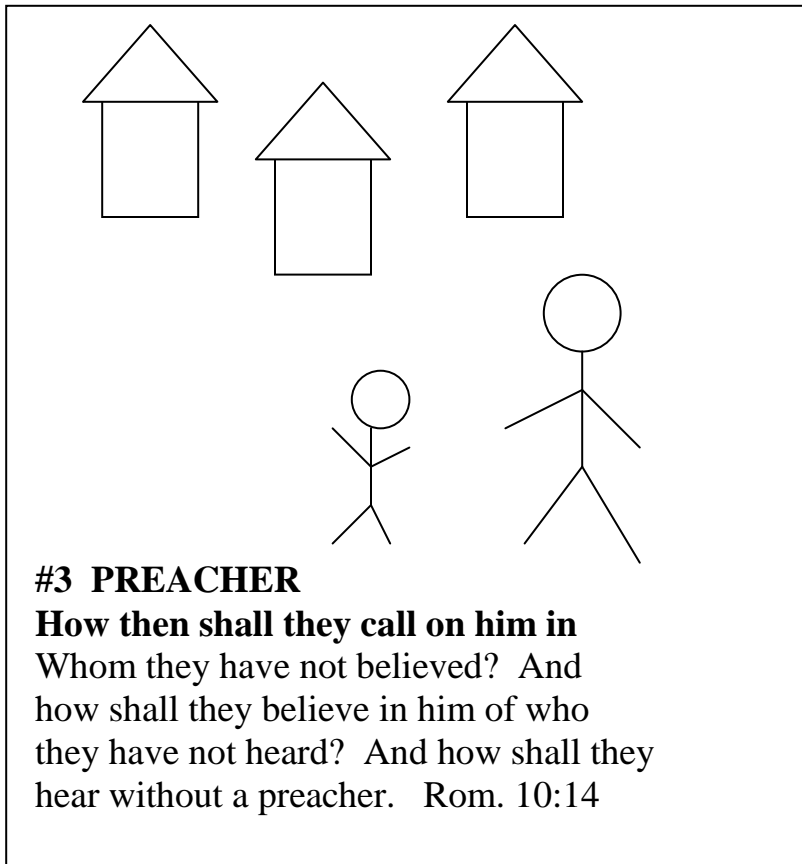
which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. Ephesians 4:16

#1 SEND JUDAH FIRST

...and the Lord said, Judah shall go up first. Judges 20:18

So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets; and it came to pass, when the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat.

Joshua 6:20



#2 INTERCESSORS

No man can enter a strong man's house and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house. Mark 3:27

#4 TEACHER

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient.

2 Tim 2:24

COMPEL

And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. Luke 14:23

Webster: compel = (1) to force; constrain. (2) to get or bring about by force. (3) to gather or drive together by force, as a flock. (4) to cause to yield, overpower. syn. See force.

Greek #315 anajkajw anagkazo – to necessitate, compel, constrain.

Webster: constrain = (1) to force into, or hold in close bounds; compel, oblige as, he was constrained to agree. (3) to get or produce by force or strain, as a person's consent; syn. See force.

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. Matthew 11:12

Webster: force = (1) strength; impetus; intensity of effect. (2) might, as a ruler or realm; strength for war. (3) strength of power exerted upon an object; physical coercion; violence; to use force in order to do something, to use force on a person.

And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear. Ezekiel 3:11

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: II Corinthians 5:14a

Webster: constrain = (1) to force, compel, or oblige; bring about by compulsion; to constrain obedience.

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. Matthew 10:16

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. II Corinthians 3:5-6

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. II Corinthians 4:7

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Some people today believe that women should not be in leadership. Being a woman myself I would like us to look at some scriptures pertaining to women and find out why we believe what we believe.

I Timothy 2:1-15

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety. I Timothy 2:1-15

Let the **woman** learn in silence with all **subjection**. But I suffer not a **woman to teach**, nor to usurp authority over the **man**, but to be in **silence**.

Strongs Concordance Greek language

Woman: (*gune*): wife

Silence: (*hesuchia*) tranquillity, not in a disturbing way.

Subjection: (*hupotage*): to place in proper order.

Teach: (*infinitive didaskein in the present tense*): to teach continuously.

Man: (*aner*): husband

*What did Paul want to teach in 1 Timothy 2:9-15? It was that a wife should display a tranquil spirit in her attempt to learn. We must bear in mind here that during that period of time usually men only had the privilege of education. Paul encouraged a wife to ask questions and to learn, but always to realize that her questions should not be of a nature which would disturb that peace that existed between her and her husband or which in any way would embarrass him. She should bear in mind the proper positioning of a wife in relationship to her husband, who is her head, and consequently responsible to provide and protect her. In verse 12 Paul says, I do not want a wife to continually teach, if she did, she would undermine her husband's position, giving the impression that she is the head of her husband, which is contrary to God's ordained order between husband and wife. Many have taken these scriptures and have said a woman is not to teach in the church. The word tells us that we are to study to shew ourselves approved, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. It is obvious as we look into these scriptures that Paul is dealing within the marriage relationship.

I Corinthians 11:2-16

Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and the glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman, but of the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels. Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God. Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered? Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given here for a

covering. But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God. I Corinthians 11:2-16

*In these scriptures Paul is dealing with an issue that was causing problems within the church in Corinth. In that day there were a thousand priestesses at the temple of Aphrodite on Acrocorinth. These temple prostitutes were commonly seen without any covering on their heads and having short hair, unbecoming to a modest woman. Paul was concerned that as these priestesses were becoming saved, they would no longer be identified with immorality but with Christ. Hair does not get long overnight, therefore she was to wear a covering on her head upon entering church.

I Corinthians 14:33,34

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. Let your women keep **silence** in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. I Corinthians 14:33,34

Strongs Concordance....Greek language

Silence: (*sigao*) to hold ones peace until the appropriate time.

*In that day women were on one side of the church and men were on the other, some of the women in their zeal to learn, were asking questions of their husbands across the room, causing a disturbance. We also must realize as we read these scriptures that the church in Corinth was being affected by some of the paganistic practices at Delphi, Greece's most famous center or oracles. Paul was concerned that the impure not be mixed with the pure. Often as we deal with other cults or cultures we see mixture. Those works of darkness must be put off. At the same time we do not cut off truth because a counterfeit has come in. As we all come to him we must worship him in Spirit and in Truth. In Delphi, the priestesses would get intoxicated on fumes and utter incoherent sounds which were interpreted.

Wherefore brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order. I Corinthians 14:39,40

READ ALL of Romans 16

*As we read this chapter we see that there were many women in church leadership.

I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchræ: That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. Romans 16:1,2

**Obviously Paul acknowledges here that Phoebe has taught him and is commending her to the church.*

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:27-28

**As we put on Christ there is neither male nor female. All ministry should come forth as we stand in Him and let Him (the Word) arise in us to scatter the enemies.*

HEAR & DO

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. II Timothy 2:1

The grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. I Peter 1:13b

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. II Timothy 2:2

Commit- #3908 to place alongside i.e. present (food, truth)

Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. And if a man also strive for masteries yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruit. II Timothy 2:3-6

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. I Corinthians 3:9

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance... Galatians 5:22,23

By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name. Romans 1:5

And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled. II Corinthians 10:6.

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. James 1:22

**A mature minister will bear fruit. The fruit we are to bear is the fruit of the Spirit. As we “hear” the Word of God or have the revelation of the Word, we will move in his nature and give that word to others. Thus the sons will be manifested.*

For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. Romans 8:19.

**The words manifestation and revelation (as in Rev. 1:1 “The revelation of Jesus Christ”) are the exact same words in Greek, Strongs #602. In this we can see that the revelation of the Word, which is to be revealed in us (Romans 8:18) is what all of creation is waiting for. In Revelation 1:10 we see there is a time table for this to happen. “The Lords Day” or the 7th Day. A day I believe we have entered into. A day the prophets of old longed to be a part of. This hope will anchor our emotions in this hour “Christ in you- the hope of glory.”*

TABERNACLE

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Years ago I heard a preacher say that everything fits in the tabernacle. I've found that to be true (Example: 30 fold, 60 fold, 100 fold).

According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it. Exodus 25:9

It is one thing to start a race but it is something else to finish it. Too often I've seen people start and not finish. We must understand the importance of continuing on to know Him.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, which leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matthew 7:13

Strait, Strongs #4728- narrow, (from obstacles standing close about)

There are many things in this life- many obstacles- that would keep us from continuing on. We must press on to obtain the prize.

He came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly.

TABERNACLE

Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. I Cor. 6:19

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HOLY OF HOLIES
"Zion"
Glory

LIFE
Feast of Tabernacles
100 Fold
FAITHFUL

HOLY PLACE
(Inner Court)
"Jerusalem"

TRUTH
Feast of Pentecost
60 Fold
CHOSEN

LAST
DAYS

The abomination that maketh desolate will stand in the Holy Place. See Matt. 24:15, Is. 52:1

OUTER COURT
"Judah"

WAY
Feast of Passover
30 Fold
CALLED

The Outer Court will not be measured and will be given over to the Gentiles (unbelievers) and they will tread the Holy Place underfoot, forty –two months. See Rev. 11:2

This is EGYPT (Outside the tabernacle)

30-60-100 FOLD

*Once upon a time,
The sheep went astray, {Is. 53:6}
Then a kind Shepherd appeared, {Jn. 10:11}
And they entered in by, "The Way". { Matt. 7:13 & Jn. 14:7}*

*For a while, they grazed there,
And enjoyed every bite!
However, they noticed,
Another fold in sight.*

*Well, a few wandered on,
Into that fold,
It was called, "Truth", {Jn. 14:7}
And what good things it did hold!*

*This sheepfold was better,
Than the last one.
The sheep grew stronger and wiser,
And they had lots of fun!*

*In fact, most thought that this fold,
Was the best one around!
But a portion of the sheep,
Began to hear a, "sound". {Heb. 12:19}*

*The Shepherd was calling them forward,
And strait and narrow was the way, {Matt. 7:14}
But these sheep knew His voice,
And they wanted to obey. {Jn. 10:4}*

*He was calling them to the next fold,
Not as easy to reach as the others,
While they pressed toward that fold, {Philip. 3:14}
Many stayed close to one another. {Heb. 10:25}*

*As they approached this fold,
They discovered, "Life", was it's name, {Jn. 14:7}
They knew if they pressed onto this place,
They'd never be the same! {Jn. 10:10}*

*Some continued to follow,
That precious, beckoning sound,
But some grew weary or distracted,
And sadly, they sat down.*

*At last, the remnant came to a Door,
The only way in, {Jn. 10:1 & 2}
Others had tried different routes,
And failed again and again.*

*The Door opened and they entered, {Rev. 4:1}
Oh! This fold was the best!
Here was the presence of God!
And here was their rest! {Heb. 4:10}*

*Are you one of His sheep? {Ps. 79:13}
In which fold are you?
Do you want to enter into the last one?
This is what you must do.*

*Press forward to know the Shepherd,
On Him, fix your eyes,
Press to know Truth,
And don't ever compromise!*

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." {John 14:6 KJV}

"And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the Word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred." {Mark 4:20 KJV}

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THREE TABERNACLES

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured (S.#3339 transformed-metamorphose) before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them *Moses* and *Elias* talking with him. (*Jesus*) Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. Matthew 17:1-8

*The word transfigured in this passage is the same number as transformed in Romans 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God"

And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power. And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them. And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid. And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. Mark 9:1-7

And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening. And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said. While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. Luke 9:28-35

**If the day is after six days or about eight days, what day is it? Somewhere in the 7th day.*

**In February of 98, (at a conference in Hoonah, Alaska), the speaker shared that the three tabernacles were the written, spoken, and living. This was quickened in my spirit and this study resulted.*

- ◆ **Moses represents the written.**
- ◆ **Elijah represents the spoken.**
- ◆ **Jesus represents the living.**

If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. John 5:31-33

And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Luke 1:17

And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Matthew 3:2-3

*God is preparing a people in this hour for his habitation. Those that the glory arise upon first will be called Zion. (Isaiah 60:14)

For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. Psalms 132:13,14

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. Isaiah 2:2

But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Hebrews 3:6

A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come and declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this. Psalms 22:30-31

This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah. Psalm 24:6-10

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. Hebrews 4:1

*Those to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief. If Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. He spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise. (Heb. 4) There will be a people that will let Him arise. A people prepared; a living sacrifice. (Zeph. 1-7) A priesthood, called from among men, for men.

Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Hebrews 6:17-20

**On the seventh day, his house will be established. There will be a people that will lay hold of the hope set before them. (Christ in you, the hope of glory. The glory that shall be revealed in us. Rom. 8) This is what all creation is waiting for. This priesthood will enter into that within the veil by two immutable things. by the immutability of his counsel.*

This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. II Corinthians 13:1

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness,..... Revelation 1:5

**His words are life to those that will find them. Do you have ears to hear what the Spirit is speaking? Jesus is the living word. He is the door. That door is open and he is saying to come up higher. Those that enter in by the door will be the shepherd of the sheep.*
Read John 10:2

ZION

THE KEY



For me there was a key that began to open the book of Revelation. That key is the following message on Glory.

As God opened the eyes of my understanding that night, to show me His plan in Isaiah 60, I go so excited! I don't remember who all was living in at the Ministry House at that time, but I do know that I woke everyone up. Oblivious to any groans or sleepy eyes, we had church.

At the Ministry House in Heppner, everyone calls this my Red Flannel Nightgown Sermon.

GLORY

Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 11 Thessalonians 2:14

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the gentiles; which is Christ in you the hope of glory. Colossians 1:27

- In 1992 I asked the Lord a question, “Lord, I’m hearing two things that I believe are from you, #1 Dark, dark times are coming upon the earth. #2 A great multitude would be coming to Christ. Show me in your word where we are on your timeline, and how these two words fit together.” I was led to Isaiah 60. I believe this is a word for today. We are standing on the very edge of this word coming to pass.

Arise, Shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. Isaiah 60:1,2

- Let us examine these scriptures. Arise..(ten virgins arose from their slumber)..shine..(the wise shall shine); for thy light is come..(Thy law is light..Thy word is a light unto my path), and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.(Christ in you is the hope of glory...He is our glory and the lifter up of our head). Our heads need to be lifted so the Son of Man can find a place to lay his. He was given to be the head of the church. Why can’t He find a place to lay his head? Because ours is in the way! In this hour of darkness , the glory is going to arise upon a people and as we look at the following scriptures, we find the Gentiles (the unbelievers) , the kings, the sons and the daughters coming as the glory rises upon them.

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see, all they gather themselves together, they come to thee, thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at they side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged: because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. Isaiah 60 3-5

* When the glory rises upon this people, it is then they will see and flow together. This is when true unity will come. Unity of the faith. Not a man made unity, but a people walking in the light as he is in the light.

The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: They shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: They shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. Who are these that fly like a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first,

to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee. Isaiah 60:6

* The wealth of the wicked that has been laid up for the righteous will come in. Unto the name of the Lord thy God, because He hath glorified thee.

And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favor have I had mercy on thee. Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day or night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. Isaiah 60:10

* We are perfected in those things we suffer, as he fills his temple, the forces of the unbelievers will come, and our doors will be open, day and night to receive them.

For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. The sons also that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, the city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. Isaiah 60:12-15

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1,2

Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. Psalms 68:1

* God will arise in those that let him. He must increase and we must decrease. For the joy that was set before him, he endured the cross. What a hope! What a joy! The glory!!! Those that are Christ's will crucify the flesh and the lusts thereof.

Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace and thy exactors righteousness. Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise. The sun shall no more be thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light and thy God, thy glory. Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be

glorified. A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time. Isaiah 60:16-22

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. Romans 8:18-19

*We must come past the cross. We must come past the inner court (The Holy Place). We must come into the Holy of Holies, that place of his presence. We must get into the ark. The ark is in the Holy of Holies, and no flesh can come into that place. God burn out those things that offend, and tabernacle in your people!

When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe {because our testimony among you was believed} in that day.
II Thessalonians 1:10

Read Jeremiah 30:17-19

GLORY:

Strongs Concordance Hebrew #3519 Rarely or copiousness {splendor} from # 3513 in a good sense, be dim...make glorious...bring to...come to...be had in.

GLORY:

Strongs Concordance Greek # 1391 As very apparent.

GLORIFY:

Strongs Concordance Greek # 1392 To rend glorious, full of {have} glory.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD IS UPON YOU. WHY? ISAIAH 61:1-6

1. To preach good tidings unto the meek.
2. To bind up the brokenhearted.
3. To proclaim liberty to the captives.
4. To open the prison to them that are bound.
5. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.
6. To proclaim the day of vengeance of our God.
7. To comfort all that mourn.
8. To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

WHY? So that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

REFER TO EZEKIEL 9:4

And the Lord said unto Him (the man clothed with linen, which had the writers inkhorn by his side) go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads (Refer to Rev.14) of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

READ EZEKIEL 9

9. They shall build the old wastes.
10. They shall raise up the former desolations.
11. They shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

Verse 6- Ye shall be named the priests of the Lord: men shall call you the ministers of our God.

Verse 8- For I the Lord love judgment, I hate robbery for burn offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

ZION

Psalm 87:2-3 5

The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah...And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

Psalm 24:7

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Psalm 3:3

But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. Also Read Psalm 110:2-7

*There is coming forth a people that will know their God. A people that will let him arise. (Then the enemies will be scattered) A people whose mind will be renewed by the pure word of God. A people that will cease from their own works and enter into his rest.

Isaiah 60:14b

...and all that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee the city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy one of Israel.

Psalm 132:13-14

For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest forever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

Hebrews 4:1

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

Revelation 17:14

...and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Revelation 14:1

...a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Fathers name written in their foreheads.

John 17: 15-20...22

I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.....Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them: that they may be one, even as we are one:

Romans 8:18-19

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

* There is coming a change in the priesthood. (Heb. 6:20) Whither the forerunner is for us entered , even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedek. Priests called from among men, for men. A living sacrifice. That His kingdom might be established in earth.

ZION

*Throughout the Word,
We see God's plan,
To build His temple,
He'll raise up a "man". {Zech. 6:12}*

*Once again, a man,
After God's own heart, {I Sam. 13:14}
A living "sacrifice" prepared, {Zeph. 1:7}
A people set apart. {I Pet. 2:9}*

*The "righteous man",
Raised up from the east, {Is. 41:2}
A people entered into His rest,
From their own works, they've ceased. {Heb. 4:10}*

*They'll bring forth, "judgment unto truth", {Is 42:3}
Upon them, the glory will arise! {Is. 60:1}
At last, a place for His head, {Matt. 8:20}
They'll see through His eyes.*

*"The city of the Lord",
"The Zion of the Holy One of Israel", {Is.60:14}
They'll see, "eye to eye", {Is.52:8}
A pure Word, their lips will tell! {Zeph. 3:9}*

*"Out of Zion, shall go forth the law",
"And the Word of the Lord, from Jerusalem", {Is.2:3}
God's people have become soulless,
But a perfect law will convert them. {Ps. 19:7}*

*Jerusalem, thy sons,
Will marry you, {Is. 62:5}
No longer called, "Forsaken", or "Desolate", {Is. 62:4}
You'll be a bride, faithful and true! {Hos. 2:19 & 20}*

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*The creature waiteth,
In, "earnest expectation", {Rom. 8:19}
For it's Deliverer to appear, {Rom. 11:26}
For the sons' manifestation!*

**One with the ability to lift,
Is who the "man child" will be, {Rev. 12:5}
The "little cloud" like a man's hand,
Coming up out of the sea. {I Kings 18:44}*

*"There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse",
Out of his roots, there will grow a, "Branch", {Is. 11:1}
And God's prodigal children, {Luke 15:32}
Will get another chance.*

*Ezekiel's called, "The son of man", {Ezek. 2:3}
One, "like the Son of God", appears in the fire, {Dan. 3:25}
A priesthood called from among men, {Heb. 5:1}
In order to lead God's people higher. {Rev. 4:1}*

*The Father's name written on their foreheads, {Rev. 14:1}
Saviors shall come up on the mount, {Ob. 21}
"An hundred forty and four thousand", {Rev. 14:1}
In Revelation fourteen's account!*

*"The Shepherd of the sheep", {John 10:2}
Who enters in by the Door, {Jn. 10:9}
Christ will be all of this in a people, {Col. 1:27}
And so much more!*

*A little bit there,
And a little bit here, {Is. 28:10}
The Master's plan for His people,
In the volume, made clear! {Heb. 10:7}*

***"The Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation."
{Psalms 132:13 KJV}***

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**See Strong's #730, {definition for "man", in Rev. 12:5}.*

MELCHISEDEC PRIEST

**Throughout scripture we find God's people walking away from Him. God would then send a priest to turn the people back to Him. There is a priest coming forth in this hour.*

For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest. Hebrews 7:14,15

Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Hebrews 6:20

Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. Hebrews 7:3

**It is in the fire one will show up like him.*

Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec. Hebrews 5:8-10

*Scripture tells us that we are to go on unto perfection. We are perfected in the things we suffer.

Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel. Numbers 25:12,13

**This priesthood compiled of a many membered man will have the ability to lift up the church and turn many to righteousness.*

Read: Daniel 12:3, Psalms 110:4, Isaiah 41:4

EYE TO EYE

*Many times we gather,
In hopes, we'll agree, {Am. 3:3}
And find we interpret His Word,
Still, very differently. {I Cor. 11:18}*

*We yearn for the pure Word, {Ps. 119:140}
That will bring true unity, {Zeph. 3:9}
Where our Lord commands the blessing,
Even life for eternity! {Ps. 133:3}*

*Often times His Word brings division, {Luke 12:51}
It cuts like a sword! {Heb. 4:12}
But this sifting and shaking, {Heb. 12:27}
Comes from the Lord.*

*The voice is against the fenced cities and high towers, {Zeph. 2:16}
Against man's divisions and lies,
All these must come down, {Jer. 1:10}
As God opens blind eyes. {Luke 4:18}*

*A love of the truth is crucial! {II Thess. 2:11 & 12}
The hour is late!
His children need to speak the same language,
They must be able to communicate. {Heb. 13:16}*

*It's time to reason together,
And one another esteem, {Phil. 2:3}
Allow the Holy Spirit of truth to lead us, {Jn. 16:13}
As a pure Word we glean. {Prov. 22:20 & 21}*

*"Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice",
"With the voice together shall they sing",
"For they shall see eye to eye," {Is. 52:8}
When again, Zion, the Lord brings.*

*Then He will restore a pure language to Jerusalem,
Out of her will come his Word, {Is. 2:3}
She'll be called, "a city of truth", {Zech 8:3}
She'll speak life to a world who hasn't heard!*

***"The watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion."
{Isaiah 52:8 KJV}***

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ZION & JERUSALEM

For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest forever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. Psalms 132:13,14

*Those the glory arises on first will be called Zion. (Isaiah 60:1-14) He is our glory.

For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. Galatians 4:25

*It is truth that makes us free. We are either free in truth or we are in bondage. According to scripture in these last days truth will have fallen in the street (Isaiah 59:14-15). The church will be sanctified through the truth (John 17:19).

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion. Isaiah 52:7,8

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. Revelation 12:6

Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people. Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. Isaiah 64:9,10

They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten. Jeremiah 50:5

For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee. I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence. And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Isaiah 62:5-7

*To marry is to become one with.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Revelation 21:2

*Now let us go back to Isaiah 60:14 and note that Zion is called the city. We must understand there is an order in the plan of God for this hour. Zion will come forth first as the glory arises upon them (the few). Then Jerusalem will be fed a pure word to become NEW JERUSALEM, the holy city.

And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. Jeremiah 30:19

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. John 17:22,23

HERE COMES THE BRIDE!

*"The Lord shall bring again Zion", {Is. 52:8}
Where first, His glory will arise, {Is. 60:1}
But that's not the happy ending,
His plan is larger in size!*

*For, "Out of Zion shall go forth the law", {Is. 2:3}
To convert Jerusalem's soul, {Ps. 19:7}
And the woman who once played the harlot, {Hos. 2:5}
Will be betrothed to the Lord, and made whole. {Hos. 2:19}*

*When she receives the law from Zion, {Ps. 19:7}
Then both, the Lord will glorify, {Jer. 30:19}
That's been the plan from the beginning,
And this is the reason why,*

*It's an answer to the prayer,
Said by God's own Son,
"I in them, and Thou in me,"
"That they may be made perfect in one". {Jn. 17:23}*

*No longer the poor thirsty woman,
Drawing from Jacob's well, {Jn. 4:6 & 7}
No longer the strange woman,
Whose steps take hold on hell. {Prov. 5:5}*

*Not wearing her own apparel,
And eating her own bread, {Is. 4:1}
With no need to be ashamed,
She's found the covering for her head. {I Cor. 11:5 & 6}*

*No longer dressed in filthy rags, {Is. 64:6}
His bride is adorned in pure white!
No longer, "bowed together", {Rom. 11:10 & Luke 13:11-13}
She's now able to stand upright!*

*She is the, "New Jerusalem", {Rev. 21:2}
Coming down from God above,
"Not having spot or wrinkle", {Eph. 5:27}
For He is her, "First Love". {Rev. 2:4 & 5}*

*She is the, "virtuous woman", {Prov. 31:10}
Now in the earth, "a praise", {Is. 62:7}
Going forth, to meet her Groom,
Under His loving gaze.*

*Finally, it has arrived!
The long-awaited wedding day.
"Here comes the Bride!"
Listen to all creation say.*

***"And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down
from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her
husband." {Revelation 21:2 KJV}***

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THE WORD

WHO IS CHRIST

In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 1 John 5:7

And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Ephesians 2:20

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8

**Jesus Christ is Emmanuel. Emmanuel means God with us.*

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. 1 Timothy 3:16

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:14

**God is building His house. If the corner stone is not right, the entire house will be off.*

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. Psalms 127:1

**It is very important that we clearly understand who Christ is. The Bible tells us that in the end days many will fall away giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. God is building His house, precept upon precept, line upon line. Isa. 28:10*

Jesus Christ is the corner stone. Let us make sure we have that corner stone in place.

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 1 John 2:22

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 1 John 4:3

I and my Father are one. John 10:30

For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Colossians 2:9

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness
Genesis 1:26

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

SALVATION

Strong's #4991 rescue or safety (phys. or mor.): -deliver, health, salvation, save, saving

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto *salvation* to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. Romans 1:16-17

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto *salvation* ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:5

But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to *salvation* through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Wherefore he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 2 13-14

*We know the Holy Ghost was given to lead us into all truth and righteousness.

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to *salvation* not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. 2 Corinthians 7:10

*He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. We choose life or we choose death. His words are life to those that will find them. As we stand before the mirror of the word and are truly sorry, that sorrow will bring about that repentance (or turning around) in our lives. Turning from sin, which works death in our lives unto Him (the Word) which brings us to life.

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own *salvation* with fear and trembling. Philippians 2:12

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Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal *salvation* unto all that obey him. Hebrews 5:8-9

*He has called us to go on unto perfection. We are perfected in the things which we suffer. But it is in laying our self-life down that we will find life in Him. The willing and the obedient will eat the good of the land.

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great *salvation*; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; Hebrews 2:1-3

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come *salvation*, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Rev. 12:10

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SAVED

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be *saved*. *John 3:16-17*

Strong's saved #4982 to save i.e. deliver or protect :- heal, preserve, save (self) do well, be (make) whole

Strong's whole #4982

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Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me. *John 14:6*

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be *saved*, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. *John 10:9-10*

*There is only one way. There is only one truth. If we want to come into abundant life we must come through the Door. Jesus is the Word. Jesus is the Door. We are living in a time the prophets of old longed to be a part of. The Word is sealed until the last days, but now the Door is open and there is a voice saying, come up higher. (Rev. 4:1) There is a place in Him where the evil one touches us not.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye *saved*;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye *saved* through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. *Ephesians 2:4*

SAVED (p. 2)

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:13

*Our loins must be girt with truth. The Word of the Lord is a pure Word. The truth will make us free. In Ephesians we read that we are saved by grace through faith. May I say that if we do not have the revelation of the Word, we will not have the grace. Did you hear what 1 Peter 1:13 just said? I did not ask you if you read it, I asked if you heard it. Faith comes by hearing but we know that in this day there is a famine for the hearing of the words of the Lord. (Amos 8:11) We must have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today.

For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be *whole*. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee *whole*. And the woman was made *whole* from that hour. Matthew 9:21-22

*The woman if we are to spiritually discern the word is always the church. He wants the church *whole* and He wants the world *saved*. *Whole* and *saved* is the same word in the Greek.

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be *saved*. *Matthew 24:12-13*

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THE HOLY GHOST

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:31-32

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. John 14:16-17

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.
Acts 1:4-5

**Note the promise is the baptism of the Holy Ghost.*

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:2-4

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. Acts 2:38

**The promise is for all today.*

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15

**This is the commission God has given to us, from the very beginning.*

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. Genesis 1:28

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mark 16:16-18

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
Ephesians 6:18

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Jude 20

POWER

Strong's #1849 (in the sense of ability), privilege, freedom

But as many as received him, to them gave he **power** to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: John 1:12

As thou hast given him **power over all flesh**, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. John 17:2

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. Romans 8:7

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. Acts 1:7

Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. Romans 13:2

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof. Romans 13:14

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

This I say then, **Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh**. Galatians 5:16

And ye shall know the truth, and the **truth shall make you free**. John 8:32

And they were **astonished at his doctrine**: for his word was with power. Luke 4:32

THE REVELATION

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the **word of God**, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, Revelation 1:1,2

**Note v.10 for time: on the Lord's day.*

The revealing of the Word on the day of the Lord. The words are sealed up until the time of the end.

He saith unto them, But whom saith ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him. Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter and upon this **rock** I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven;

Mt. 16:15-19, Mk.8:27-30 Lk. 9:18-21

**The church that the gates of hell will not prevail against will be built upon the rock. Who is the rock? (Ps. 92:15 Ps. 31:3)*

And did all drink the same spiritual drink; for they drank of that **spiritual Rock** that followed them: and that **Rock was Christ**. 1 Cor. 10:4

The **Lord is my rock**, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. Psalm 18:2

**Jesus Christ is the Rock, the Revealed Word.*

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them; I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a **rock**. Mt.7:24

Revelation-S#602- disclosure, lighten, be revealed, coming, manifestation, appearing.

For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the **manifestation** of the sons of God. Romans 8:19

Manifestation-S#602

So that ye come behind in no gift, waiting for the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 1:7

Coming S#602

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be **revealed** in the last time. 1 Per. 1:5 **Note the time frame in v. 5*

Revealed S#602

That the trial of your faith, being more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the **appearing** of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:7

Appearing S#602

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the **revelation** of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:13

How that **BY revelation** he made known unto me the mystery; Eph. 3:3

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and **revelation** in the knowledge of him: Eph. 1:17

Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the **revelation** of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began. But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God. made known to all nations for the obedience of faith. Romans 16:25-26

For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but **By the revelation** of Jesus Christ. Gal. 1:12

And it is upon the **revelation of Jesus Christ, the Word, the Rock, the church will be built.*

THE DOOR

I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved... John 10:9

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

**Jesus is the Word (Written, Spoken, and Living). Jesus is the Door.*

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter. Revelation 4:1

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Daniel 12:4

**There is a timetable for the fulfilling of scriptures. We are in the time of the end. The seal has come off of the Word and the wise will understand.*

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, or the Revelation of The Word, is on the Lord's day.

*May God open the eyes of our understanding- that we may be found in Him. He is building His House in this hour and it is upon the revelation of the Word of God that the house will be built! The house that the gates of hell will not prevail against! (Matthew 16:18)

It is by the immutability of his counsel that we will enter into that within the veil. (Hebrews 6:17-19) This is the second veil or the tabernacle which is called the holiest of all. (Hebrews 9:3)

THE DOOR

*You are, "The Door", {Jn.10:9}
You are, "The Word", {Jn. 1:1}
Speak to me, Jesus,
'Til I have heard! {Rom. 10:17}*

*The entrance of Your words,
They bring me such light! {Ps. 119:130}
Without them, I'm blind,
So, Lord give me sight! {Matt. 11:5}*

*Help me to hear the words,
My natural eyes have read, {I Cor. 2:9-14}
Lord, give me this day,
My daily bread. {Matt. 6:11}*

*At the Door, there is life! {Jn. 14:6}
At the Door, many were healed! {Mk. 1:33 & 34}
But up until now,
The Door has been sealed. {Dan. 12:9 & Rev. 4:1}*

*If I knock, You will open,
If I ask, I'll receive, {Matt. 7:8}
God, I'm knocking and asking,
Because I believe, {Heb. 11:6}*

*That when I come to You for Bread,
You'll never give me a stone! {Matt. 7:9-11}
Every good and perfect gift,
Comes from You alone. {James 1:17}*

*A great and effectual Door,
Is opened unto me, {I Cor. 16:9 & Rev. 4:1}
Lead me through it, Lord,
For my adversaries are many.*

***"I am the Door. By Me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out,
and find pasture." {John 10:9 KJV}***

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THE WORD IS LIFE

II Cor. 3:6 "Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

John 6:63 "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

Prov. 4:20-22 "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh."

Philip. 2:16 "Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain."

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:4 "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."

John 10:10 "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Matt. 16:13-18 "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

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

THE DOOR IS OPEN

The door is open to that heavenly realm
So many have searched, it could not be found
My call has gone out, enter in I say
For it has been sealed till this very day
Those that go in through the door
Will shepherd the sheep
They will hear the voice
And I'll call them by name.
I am the Good Shepherd
And a shepherd you'll be;
To those of mine, that can't find the way.
There have been many heirlings
Who have led them astray.
But I will open the ear and cause blind eyes to see.
My word will go forth and it will set them free.

Read John 10:1-9

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THE DOOR IS SHUTTING!

*It's a good thing that Noah,
Listened to what the Lord said, {Gen. 6:13-22}
If he hadn't of obeyed,
He'd of wound up dead!*

*I'm sure there were other things,
Noah could have found to do, {Matt. 13:22 & II Tim. 2:4}
But to the Lord's commandment,
He stayed focused and true. {Philip. 3:14}*

*I wonder if his ears heard,
The sound of the cries,
And if, "the reward of the wicked", {Ps. 91:8}
He saw with his eyes.*

*"But as the days of Noe were", {Matt. 24:37-9}
Eating, drinking, giving in marriage, and marrying,
God's people need you!
There's no time for tarrying! {Rom. 13:11}*

*May our hearts obey You Lord,
When you say, "Seek My face!" {Ps. 27:8}
For it's in you, we find safety, {Ps. 4:8}
You are our, "Hiding Place". {Ps. 32:7}*

*The kingdom of God, {Rom. 14:17}
Is that what we seek first? {Matt. 6:33}
Is it after His righteousness,
That we hunger and thirst? {Matt.5:6}*

*I love You and Your house, Lord,
So in the seventh year,
With it up to the Door, {Jn. 10:9}
Take the aul, pierce my ear! {Deut.15:12-17}*

*Once more, there's an arc being built,
And only a certain amount of time to get in, {Gen. 6:3 & Rev. 4:1}
This is the only place of safety,
And His hand is shutting the Door once again!*

***"And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had
commanded him: and the Lord shut him in." {Genesis 7:16 KJV}***

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SPIRITUALLY
DISCERNING THE
WORD

THE WORD TO BE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit seacheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned. I Corinthians 2:10-14

**Are we spiritually discerning the Word of God?*

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:23,24

For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.
Philippians 3:3

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. Romans 8:6-8

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
I Corinthians 2:9,10

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.
Ephesians 1:17,18

In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. Ephesians 2:22

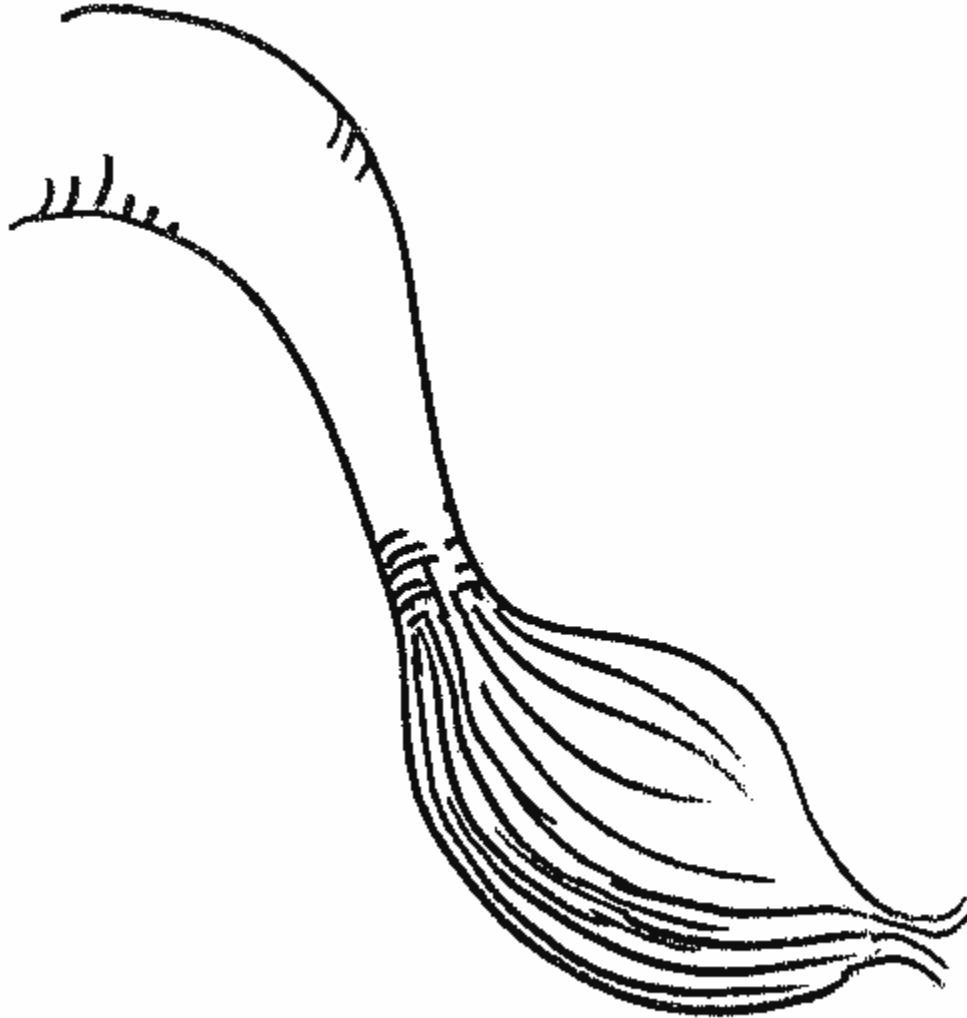
**We must have eyes to see and ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church TODAY*



DRAGON

And the great dragon was cast out, that *old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan*, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Revelation 12:9

And he laid hold on *the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan*, and bound him a thousand years. Revelation 20:2

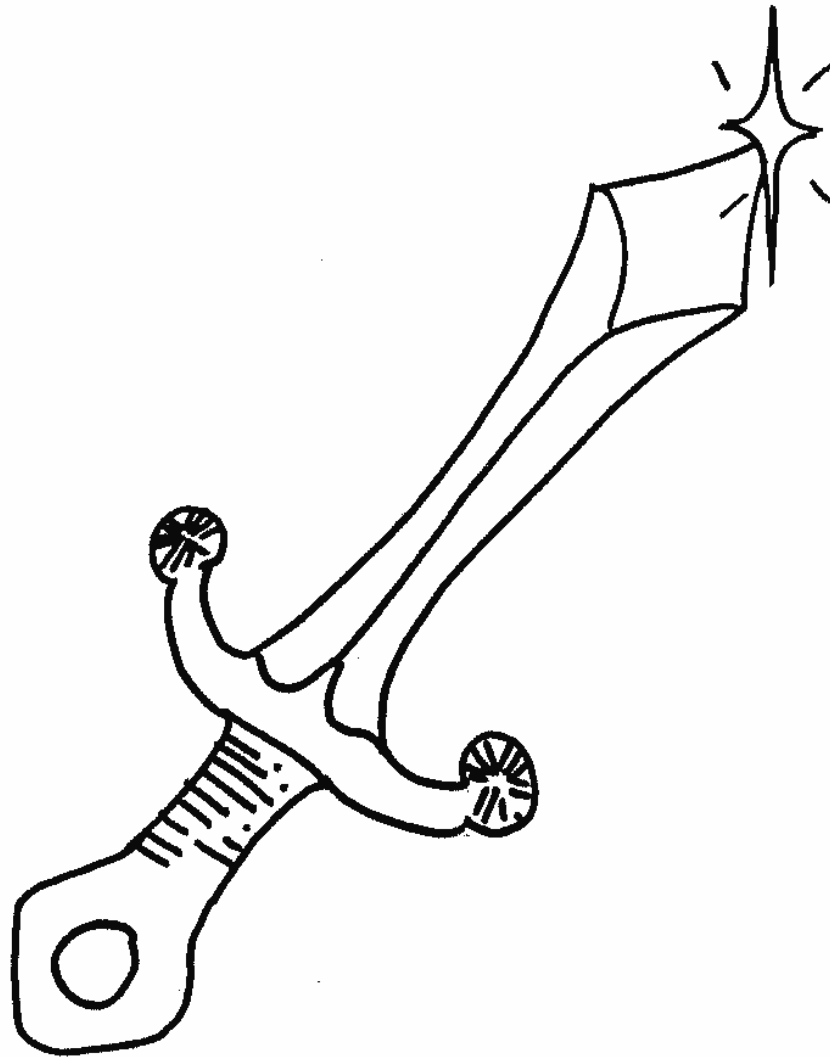


TAIL

The ancient and honorable, he is the head; and *the prophet that teacheth lies*, he is the tail. Isaiah 9:15

And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them. Deuteronomy 28:13

For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails; for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. Revelation 9:19



SWORD

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God: Ephesians 6:17

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12



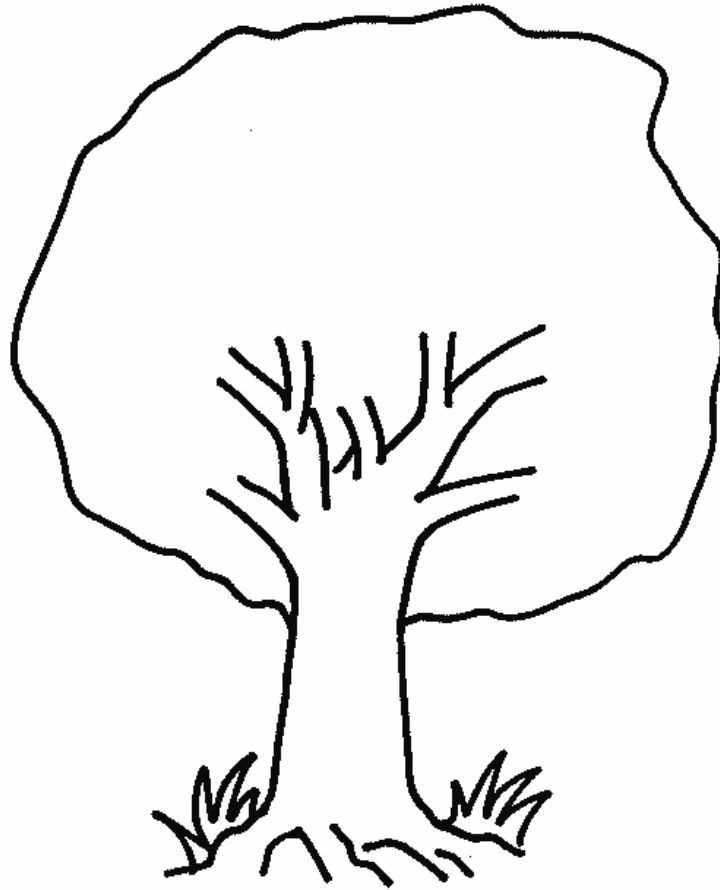
WOMAN

This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the *church*. Ephesians 5:32

Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; *so have we been* in thy sight, O Lord. Isaiah 26:17

For the Lord hath called *thee* as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. Isaiah 54:6

And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach. Isaiah 4:1



TREE

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

Isaiah 61:3

When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an ax against them: for thou mayest eat of them and thou shalt not cut them down (for *the tree of the field is man's life*) to employ them in the siege. Deuteronomy 20:19

Blessed is *the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is*. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. Jeremiah 17:7,8



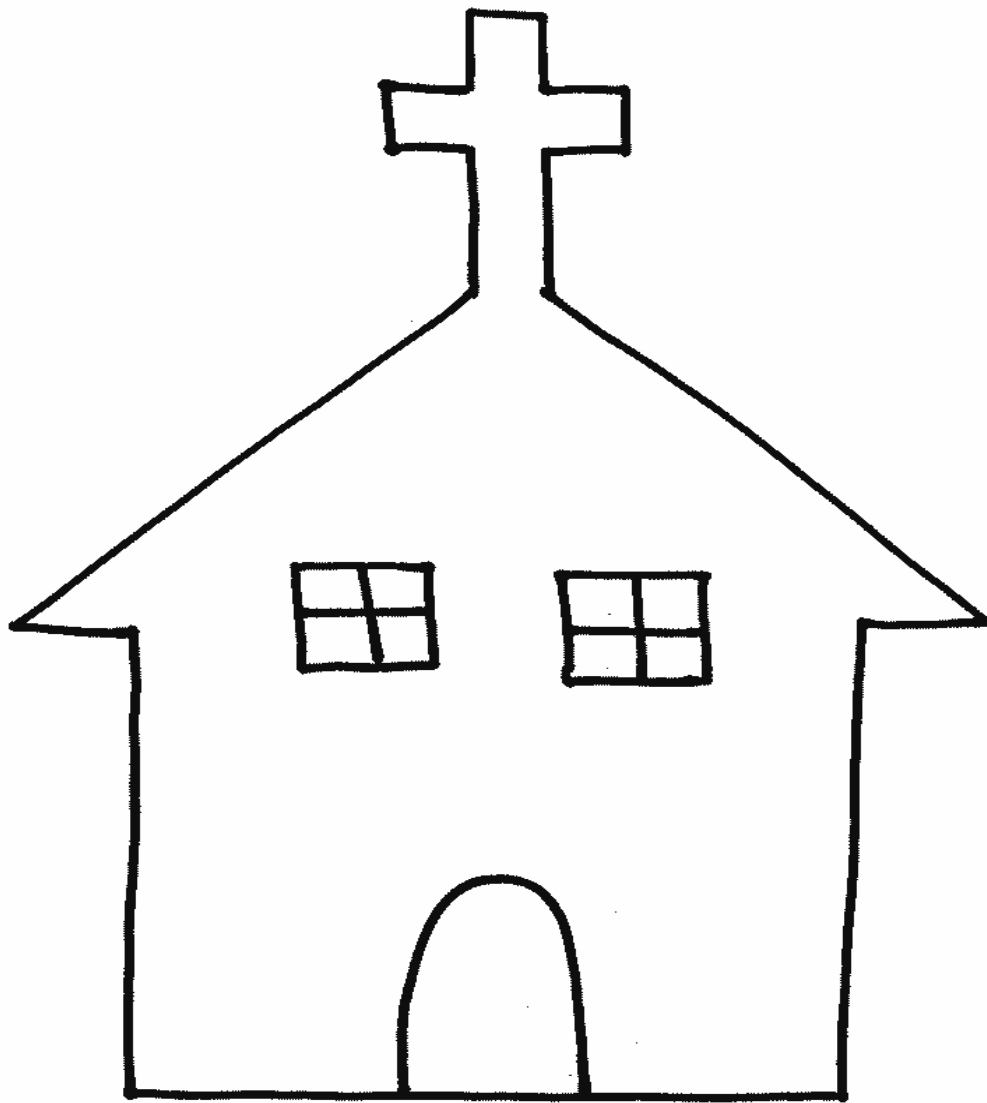
HOUSE

But Christ as a son over his own house, *whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.* Hebrews 3:6

For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. II Corinthians 5:1

And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:9,10

All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. Isaiah 60:7



CHURCH

For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the savior of the body Ephesians 5:23

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18



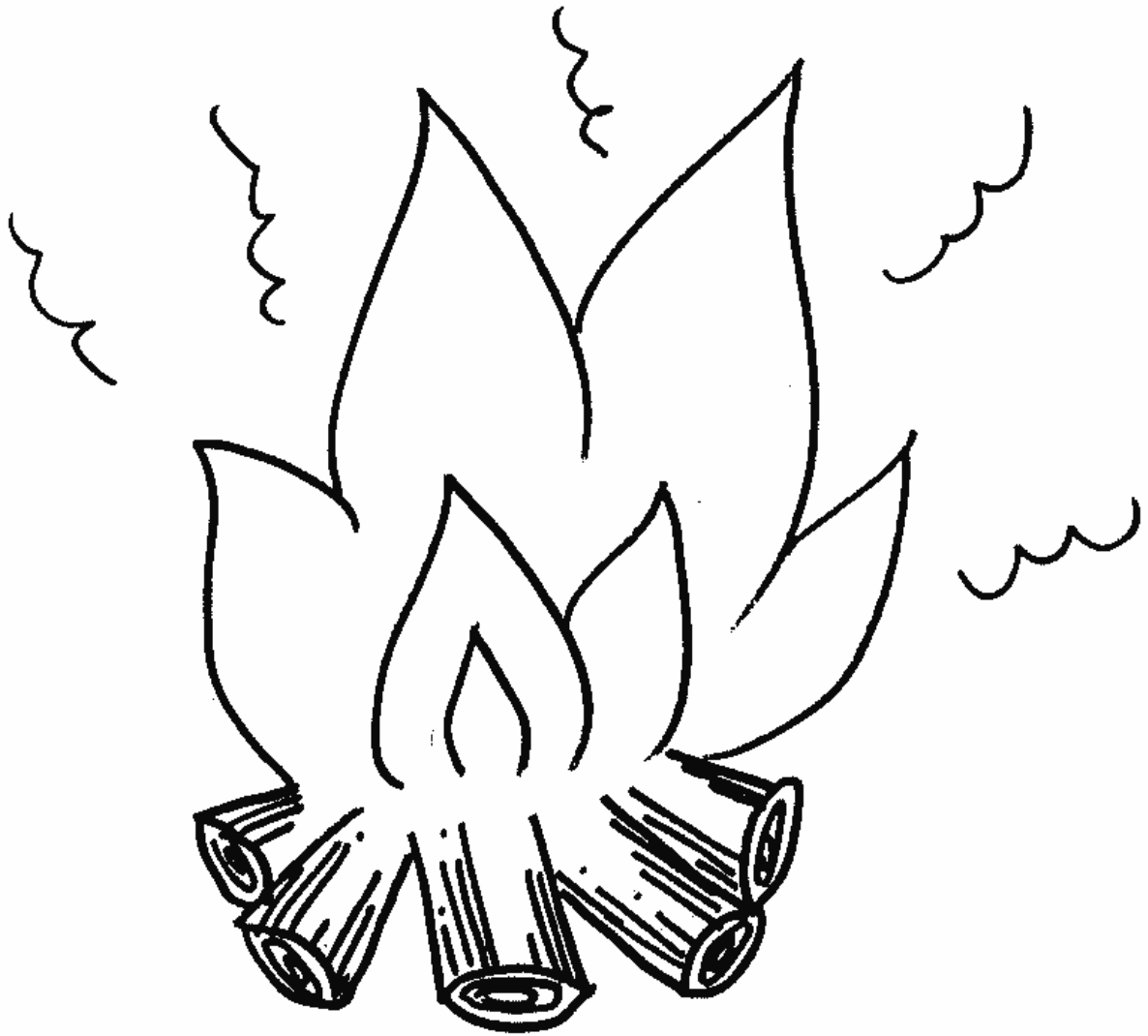
MILK

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby;
1 Peter 2:2

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of god; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

For everyone that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Hebrews 5:12-14

I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 1 Corinthians 3:2



FIRE

For our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:29

Wherefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. Jeremiah 5:14

And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the Lord, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem. Isaiah 31:9

Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire: Psalms 104:4



GRASS

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? *All flesh is grass*, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely *the people is grass*. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. Isaiah 40:6-8

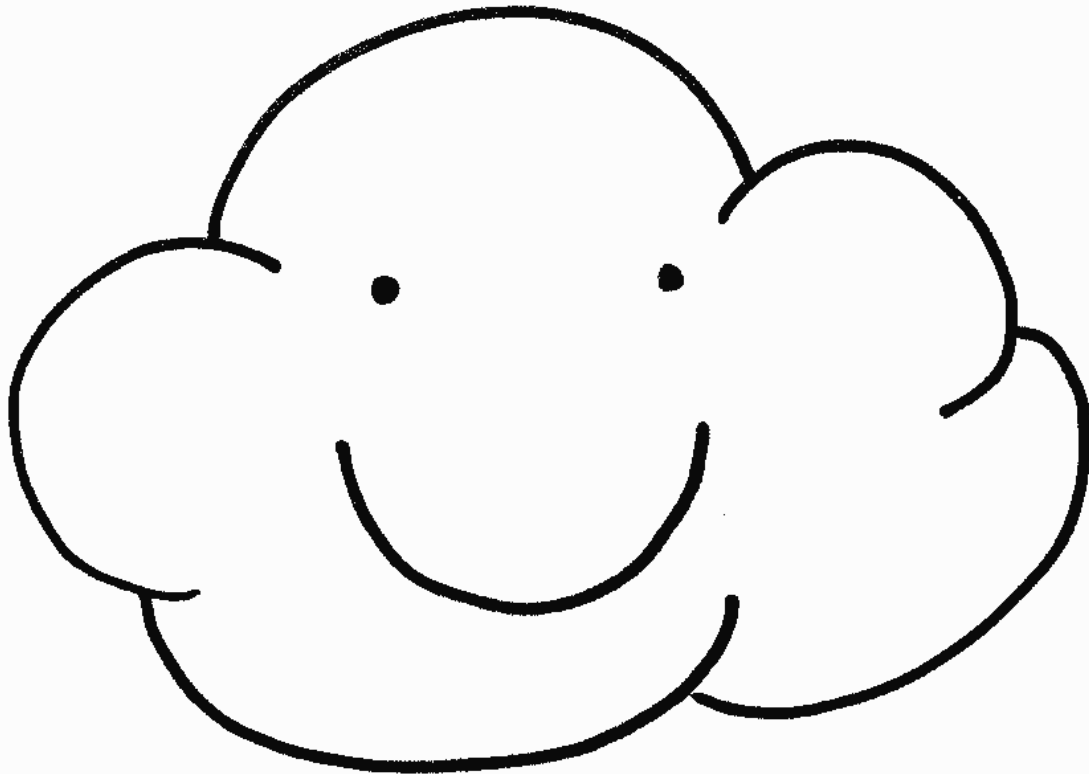
For *all flesh is as grass*, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: 1 Peter 1:24

As for *man, his days are as grass*; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

Psalm 103:15

Let them be as the grass upon the housetops; which withereth afore it groweth up.

Psalm 129:6



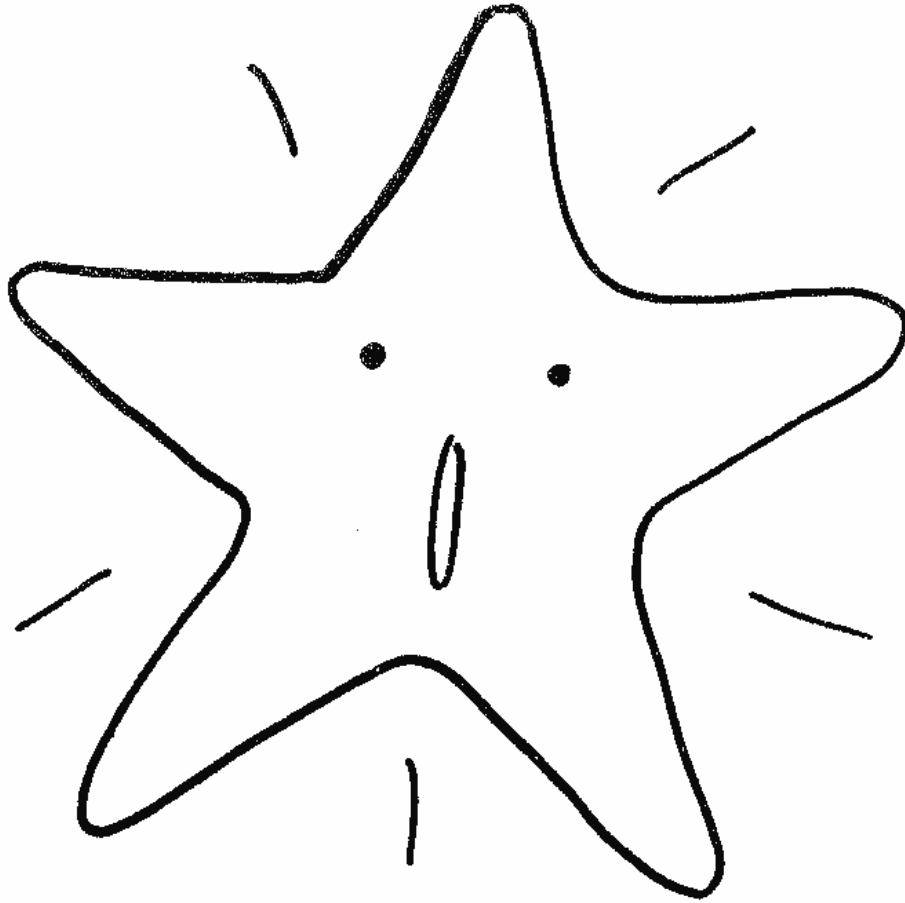
CLOUD

Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Hebrews 12:1

These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. II Peter 2:17

These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear, clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; tress whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Jude 12

Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without water. Proverbs 25:14



STAR

The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches. Revelation 1:20b

Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. Jude 13

I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. Revelation 22:16

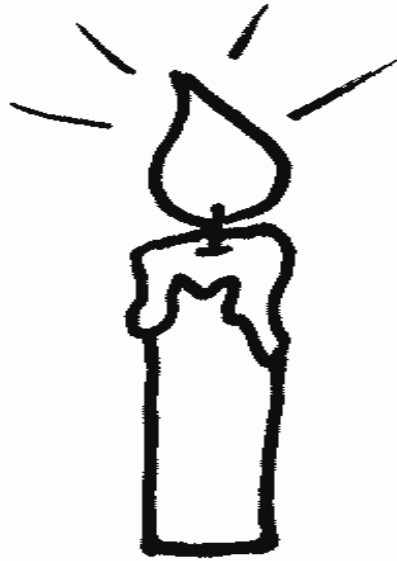


SEED (Mustard)

But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also bearest fruit, and bringeth forth some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

Matthew 13:23,24

And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you. Luke 17:6



LAMP/CANDLE

- Lamp Strongs #5216
- Candle Strongs#5216
- Strongs #5216 To glisten, a
- Lamp, a light, a candle. (Hebrew)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Ps. 119:105

For the commandment is a lamp and the law is light. Prov. 6:23

And it shall come to pass at that time that I will search Jerusalem with candles.
Zeph. 1:12 *At what time?

The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord. Prov. 20:27

For thou wilt light my candle. Prov. 18:28

*The foolish virgins had lamps but they had no oil. Matt.25:3

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The light of the wicked shall be put out and the spark of his fire shall not shine. The light shall be dark in his tabernacle and his candle shall be put out with him. Job 18:5,6

The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
Prov. 13:9

ONE THING I KNOW

*We live in a day,
Where there is great confusion, {I Cor. 1:10-13 & 14:33}
He warned that if we didn't love truth,
He'd send strong delusion! (II Thess. 2:11)*

*Of what's really Truth,
Many say, you can't be sure, (Prov. 22:21}
But there is only one Word!
And it is still pure! (Ps. 119:140)*

*Black and white isn't popular,
Most prefer gray,
But ask for the old paths,
Wherein is the good way! (Jer. 6:16)*

*People may question your motives,
Your actions, your deeds, {I Cor. 4:3}
But you're guided into all truth,
As the Holy Spirit leads. (Jn. 16:13)*

*Spiritually blind at birth, {Jn. 9:1}
Left us needy and poor,
He came that we might have, "Life", (Jn. 10:10)
That we might have more!*

*But once you've begun,
To spiritually discern, {I Cor. 2:14}
Not everyone receives you, (Jn. 9:34)
You will soon learn.*

*Jews reviled the once blind man,
They were still under Moses' law, (Jn. 9:28)
So they couldn't see,
What he clearly saw. (Jn. 9:39)*

*Like him, stand fast!
Whatever the persecution might be,
And say, "One thing I know!"
"I was blind, now I see!" (Jn. 9:25)*

**"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."
(I Thessalonians 5:21 KJV)**

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WHY DO YOU

BELIEVE WHAT

YOU BELIEVE?

NOTE

The first thing Jesus told his disciples about the signs of his coming and of the end of the world was:

TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN DECEIVE YOU
Matt. 24:4

*Deception is the earmark of the day we are in. It is only **TRUTH** that will make us free.

That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth: Proverbs 22:21

There are some saying that Jesus died spiritually.

DO NOT BELIEVE IT!

*Jesus is the Word. The Word is God
and God is an **eternal spirit**.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.
Deut. 33:27

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Heb. 9:14

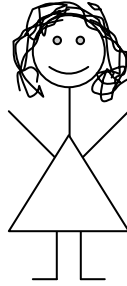
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

**JESUS IS THE WORD! His words are spirit, and they are life. Jn.6:63*

**To say Jesus died spiritually (knowing He is God and that God is an eternal spirit) would be saying Jesus is not God. DO NOT BELIEVE IT!*

TWO TREES

Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil



Tree of Life



And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Genesis 2:9

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. Genesis 2:17

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. Genesis 3:7

*The *woman (church)*, is still eating and feeding from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

**woman (church) Refer to Ephesians 5:32*

CIRCUMCISION OF THE HEART

*It's too hard to keep all the works of the law,
Even when you try your best, {II Cor. 3:6}
That's why we're justified by the faith of Christ, {Gal. 2:16}
Labor to enter His rest! {Heb. 4:10 & 11}*

*The tree of the knowledge of good and evil,
May show us what's right and wrong,
But if we don't eat off of the tree of life, {Prov. 3:13 & 18}
None of us can stand strong! {Gen. 2:9}*

*Many are brought in, unawares,
To spy out our liberty, {Gal. 2:4}
But let us not frustrate the grace of God, {Gal. 2:21}
Which through Christ, has made us free. {Rom. 8:1 & 2}*

*It's time to check our hearts,
And to test our works this day, {I Cor. 11:31}
Are we still just giving burnt offerings and sacrifices,
When He has called us to obey? {I Sam. 15:22}*

*"By the works of the law,"
"Shall no flesh be justified", {Gal. 2:16}
But by becoming obedient unto death, {Philip. 2:8}
With Christ, we're crucified. {Gal. 2:20}*

*It's not a new struggle between the two, {Gen. 25:22 & 23 & Gal. 4:29}
Even Peter was withstood by Paul,
When he feared those of the circumcision, {Prov. 29:25}
He was rebuked before all. {Gal. 2:11-14}*

*God is requiring the circumcision of the heart, {Deut. 30:6}
The cutting away of all flesh and sin,
So that righteousness isn't an outward show, {Matt. 23:27}
But obedience from within. {Gal. 6:12 & 13}*

*It's ceasing from our own efforts,
To be pure and good, {Heb. 4:10}
And yielding to the Christ within us,
To do the things we should. {Rom. 6:13 & Col. 1:27}*

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall flesh be justified." {Galatians 2:16 KJV}

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“RAPTURE”

I heard a well-known lady say years ago that she believed that rapture was the biggest lie that Satan ever sold the church.

I was stunned to hear her say such a thing. The only church I knew of at that time that didn't believe in rapture was a cult.

Yet here is this lady, whom I held in high esteem, making such a statement. This was not the first time I had questioned this teaching, however. When we first moved to Heppner, I began to notice the wheat fields around our small community. The wheat and the tares grew up together until harvest time. But as the wheat came to maturity the heads of the wheat bowed down and the tares stood tall in the fields and were very obvious. My sons, along with many other young people were hired to pull those tares out before the wheat was harvested. Somehow this testimony in the natural did not quite measure up with what I had been taught in the rapture teaching.

There is a book on my shelf that I have never read, but the title of that book has certainly set a president in my walk with God. The title reads, “Know why you believe what you believe.” This is something that I continue to keep at the forefront of my life, especially when it comes to sound doctrine.

There is but one truth, and it is that word that is to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

We need to know the certainty of truth. To be fully persuaded. In the volume of the book it is written of me (Heb. 10:7). We must not be double minded, but our minds must be renewed by the washing of the water of the word of God. The Holy Ghost will lead us into all truth and righteousness. Not only do we need truth and need to be a lover of truth, but we must allow the Word to arise in us, to change us that we might be conformed into His image. We must be changed from the glory of the natural to the glory of the spiritual. We must be lovers of truth. We must know why we believe what we believe.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15

WHY DO YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU BELIEVE?

RAPTURE???

WHO IS GOING???

WHO IS STAYING???

NOTE: The word RAPTURE is not in the bible.

One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever. Eccl. 1:4

For **evildoers shall be cut off**: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the **wicked shall not be**: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. **But the meek shall inherit the earth**; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. Ps. 37:9-11

The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their *inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away. Ps. 37:18-20

**The Hebrew translation of the word inheritance is occupancy.*

For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: **but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.** Ps. 37:28,29

The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth. Prov. 10:30

*In the above verses we see the righteous inheriting the earth and their inheritance being forever. Proverbs tells us they will never be removed. However we also see the wicked or the evildoers being cut off.

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and **they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity**; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it

was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. **So shall it be at the end of the world:** the angels shall come forth, and **sever the wicked from among the just,** Matt. 13:38-49

Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, **and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth;** Amos 9:8

For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: II Peter 3:5,6

*The same water that lifted up the ark that held the righteous brought judgment upon the wicked. (The Word which washes our carnal minds will lift us. The Word is the water and the Word is the judge.)

But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be *taken*, and the other *left*. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Matt. 24:37-41
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IF THE COMING OF THE LORD IS THE SAME AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH,
THEN WE NEED TO ASK OURSELVES.....

**WHO WAS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH?
WAS THE EARTH DESTROYED?**

WE KNOW FROM THE WORD WE WILL HAVE A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH. WE ALSO KNOW THAT WHEN WE COME TO THE LORD, A PROCESS BEGINS, WE BECOME A NEW MAN. OLD THINGS PASS AWAY AND BEHOLD ALL THINGS BECOME NEW. OUR GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE. HE WILL CONSUME HIS VESSELS AND THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD WILL BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD AND OF HIS CHRIST.

READ AND STUDY THESE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

REVELATION 21:1
REVELATION 11:15
DEUTERONOMY 4:24
DANIEL 7:14-27
GENESIS 13:14-17
GALATIANS 3:29
JOSHUA 1:1-2

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. 1Thess. 4:16-18

- WHEN YOU GO TO THE DOOR TO MEET SOMEONE, WHERE DO YOU GO? WHEN YOU MEET DADDY AT THE AIRPORT, WHERE DO YOU GO FROM THERE? WHERE WILL WE GO WHEN WE MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR?
- LET US STUDY TO SHEW OURSELVES APPROVED, WORKMEN THAT NEEDED NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.
- WE MUST KNOW WHY WE BELIEVE, WHAT WE BELIEVE, AND WE MUST KNOW BY THE WORD. THE DOCTRINES AND RUDIMENTS OF MAN MAKE GOD'S WORD OF NONE EFFECT.

*Note
RAPTURE TEACHING FIRST TAUGHT IN 1836
BY: SCOFIELD, LARKIN, AND DARBY
(not spirit filled)

*We must contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints. Jude 3

A BETTER PLAN

*"Rapture" is a lie,
A doctrine of man, {Col. 2:8}
That blinds God's people,
To His better plan. {Jer. 29:11}*

*No matter what "truth",
We think we saw,
It must fit with the **whole** Word,
Or it's not truth at all! {Heb. 10:7}*

*For the evil day,
How will we prepare,
If we do not believe,
That we will be there? {I Cor. 14:8}*

*"The Day of the Lord",
"Is darkness and not light", {Am. 5:8}
Pray that it's not winter,
When you take your flight. {Matt. 24:20}*

*There is a place in Him,
Where the evil one touches you not, {I Jn. 5:18}
This place of safety,
Must be diligently sought! {Prov. 22:3}*

*Get into the ark!
The flood's coming our way!
Get into the ark!
There's no time to delay!*

*Hard times are coming!
That must be known,
For His land will reap,
What has been sown. {Gal. 6:7}*

***Now** is the time,
For God's people to repent,
If it may be,
From His indignation, He'll relent. {Zeph. 3:8}*

*For He is still the same God,
Who loves mercy, {Mic. 6:8}
His love for His children,
Goes beyond what we see! {Eph. 3:7-19}*

*"Return unto Me",
"And I will return unto you", {Mal. 3:7}
The Lord pleads with His people,
Who have been so untrue.*

*His nation must be made holy,
Purged clean, {Matt.3:12}
That in the midst of it,
His glory may be seen. {Jn. 17:22}*

*So that day of judgment, {Zeph. 1:2-7}
His children cannot miss,
For when His judgments are in the earth,
All will learn righteousness. {Is. 26:9}*

*See, in all this,
God has a better plan,
He will cleanse His people,
And they will possess this land! {Ps. 37:11}*

"For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord they shall inherit the earth." {Psalm 37:9 KJV}

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WHO IS THE FOURTH MAN? -ONE LIKE THE SON OF GOD-

He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is *like* the Son of God. Daniel 3:25

****In the fire, one will show up like the Son of God.***

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one *like* the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. Daniel 7:13-14 *Note verse 22 in the same chapter.

Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made *like* unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. Hebrews 7:3

*Read Hebrews 6:20

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat *like* unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. Rev. 14:14 **It is at this time the harvest of the earth is ripe. Note verse 15.*

My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you. Galatians 4:19

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:27

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:18

*One *like* Him will emerge in this hour- One with the ability to lift the woman (church). One *like* the Son of man. Creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. God revealed in a people. Read Romans 8. As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of

THE FOURTH MAN

*Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego,
Lived in Babylon,
There a golden image set, {Dan. 3:1}
Fear of God was gone! {Ps. 55:49 & Prov. 9:10}*

*To that golden image,
They would not bow the knee, {Dan. 3:12}
Instead they faithfully worshipped,
The God who they could not see. {Jn. 20:29}*

*This made the king very angry,
But still, they yielded not, {Prov. 29:25}
So the fiery furnace,
Was heated seven times as hot! {Dan. 3:19}*

*As they faced the flames,
They may not have understood why,
But in serving their Lord,
The three were willing to die. {Dan. 3:17 & 18}*

*It might have seemed, the enemy had won,
But their God still had a plan,
For in the midst of the fire,
Appeared one like the Son of Man. {Dan. 3:25}*

*Today there is a Babylon,
Full of idolatry, {I Cor. 6:16}
Are you willing to face the fire?
To whom will you bow your knee? {Josh. 24:5}*

*If you're in the *land of fire, {Rev. 1:4}
Where it's never been so hot,
And you're not real certain,
If you can endure it or not, {Matt. 24:13 & Js. 5:11}*

*Remember, the overcomers will be sealed, {Rev. 9:4}
In the midst of those flames, {Job 23:10}
On their foreheads will be written,
The Father's own name. {Rev. 14:1}*

*And though the reason for those flames,
We may not fully understand, {I Pet. 4:12}
We know that in the midst of the fire,
There will appear a fourth man! {Rom. 8:29}*

***"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, not worship the golden image which thou hast set up."
{Daniel 3:16-18 KJV}***

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WHO IS CAUGHT UP?

In the study that follows you will see the man caught up to the third heaven is the overcomer.

As we see in these scriptures the third heaven and paradise are the same place.

Paul had revelation of a man (corporate) that was caught up into the third heaven. Or into a higher realm of the spirit.

THIRD HEAVEN

And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; **the tree of life** also **in the midst of the garden**, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Genesis 2:9

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that **overcometh* will I give to eat of **the tree of life**, which is **in the midst of the paradise** of God. Revelation 2:7

*Note: The *overcomers* are the ones that are given to eat of the tree of life.

It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to *visions and revelations* of the Lord. v2. I knew a man *in Christ* above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one **caught up to the third heaven**. v.3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) v.4 How that he was **caught up into paradise**, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. II Cor. 12:1-4

*Note: v. 2 caught up to the third heaven
v. 4 caught up into paradise
(The third heaven & paradise are the same place)

*Note: The overcomers will be caught up to the third heaven (or paradise) & will eat of the life found in that place (the garden or paradise).

*The door is open and the Lord is saying to those that will hear: Come up higher. There is a place in Him where the evil one touches you not.

Read Rev. 4:1 & 1 John 5:18

WILD GRAPES

*Upon a very fruitful hill,
He planted you with the choicest Vine, {Is. 5:2 & John 15:1}
Why do you bring forth, "wild grapes"?
Why do you drink mingled wine? {Is. 5:22}*

*This is, "the rejoicing city", {Zeph. 2:15}
That dwelt so careless,
Don't you already hear the hissing, {Lam. 2:15}
Of those passing by your drunkenness? {Is. 28:7}*

*What more could He have done?
Do you hear the Lord's cry? {Is. 5:4}
Soon you'll be trodden down, {Rev. 11:2}
And waste, you will lie. {Is. 5:5&6}*

*You believe you have rain,
But God has withheld it from you, {Is. 5:6 & Jer. 3:3}
Embracing the false,
You've not received the true. {Jer. 5:25}*

*House to house, and field to field,
You have joined, these last days, {Is. 5:8}
But you were called to be set apart, {Ps. 4:3}
You were called to be a, "Praise"! {Is. 62:7}*

*Beware of the strange woman's voice,
And of what she has to sell, {Prov. 7:5&27}
For your glory, multitude, pomp, and, "he that rejoiceth",
Descend into hell. {Is. 5:14}*

*It's not time for your songs,
As glorious as they might seem, {Am. 5:23}
"But let judgment run down as waters,
And righteousness as a mighty stream." {Am. 5:24}*

*Yes, you hear the roaring of lions, {Jer. 51:38}
And they lay hold of the prey! {Is. 5:29}
But that is not the Lion of Judah, {Rev.5:5}
Roaring in the midst of you today!*

*The Lord's anger is not turned away,
"But His hand is stretched out still", {Is. 5:25}
Vineyard, repent from your sins,
And find the joy that is real! {Rom. 14:17}*

"Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching His vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: and He fenced it, and gathered ou the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and He looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes." {Isaiah 5:1&2 KJV}

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JOY (LAUGHTER?)

*Some would ask me, Do you believe in the joy of the Lord? My reply is, Of course I do! I know there is a joy that has to do with the feast of tabernacles and it will be those that are found **faithful** that will enter into that joy.*

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and **faithful** servant: thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Matthew 25:21

There are those that are wise, and those that are foolish. Scripture tells us very clearly which house the wise will be in, and which house the foolish will be in.

The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning: but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. Ecclesiastes 7:4

Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: Eccl. 8:15

**We are in a time: Just like the days of Noah.*

But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Matthew 24:37-39

LAUGHTER

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. Isaiah 9:2-3

READ Ezekiel 21:1-12

It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter; it is furbished that it may glitter: should we then make mirth? It contemneth the rod of my son, as every tree. (7797 St.) Ezekiel 21:10

Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle. (#8342 St.) Jeremiah 25:10

The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth. They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it. The city of confusion is broken down; every house is shut up, that no man may come in. There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone. (#4885St.) Isaiah 24:8-11

Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning: but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. (#8057 St.) Ecclesiastes 7:3-4

READ Hosea 2:5-11

I will cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. (#4885 St.) Hosea 2:11

Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate. (#8342 St.) Jeremiah 7:34

For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride. (#8342 St.) Jeremiah 16:9

READ Luke 6:20-26

Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh. Luke 6:21

Woe unto you that are full! For ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! For ye shall mourn and weep. Luke 6:25

LAUGHTER

And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord God: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence. Amos 8:3

Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. Jeremiah 13:13

Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction. If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people. Micah 2:10-11

And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. Ezekiel 9:4

Strongs # mirth

#4885 delight (the feeling) joy, mirth, rejoice

#7797 to be bright for example cheerful, be glad, greatly joy, make mirth, rejoice

#8057 blithesomeness, glee, (religious or festival) gladness, joy mirth, pleasure, rejoice

#8342 cheerfulness, spec. welcome, gladness, joy, mirth, rejoicing from 7797

*Are we in the end days? If so, we must ask ourselves, "Is the mirth we see in the church today truly a move of God?"

SILVER AND GOLD

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee:
In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. Acts 3:6

Gold S#5553 of 5557 - golden article i.e. gold plating, ornament or coin
Silver S#694 - neutral i.e. cash drachma or shekel

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; yet now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. Acts. 17:29-31

Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. Psalms 115:4

How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver. Proverbs 16: 15-17

The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. Psalm 135:15

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these *last times* for you. 1Peter 1:18-20

But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. Galatians 1:8

*We must understand in this day that Jesus warned us of the deception that was to come. So many are running to and fro. There is much talk in the church about gold and silver. Let the Word of God direct your steps. Know why you believe what you believe, from the volume of the book. Let the Word light your path, lest we stumble in the dark.

POLLUTED TABLES

*I passed by a scene today,
That really was quite sad!
When they change a church into a bar, {Is. 28:7}
You know that things are bad!*

*I saw a beautiful church building,
Just as big as it could be,
I bet those attending there don't know,
They live in poverty. {Rev. 3:17 & 18}*

*Like the temples shown to Jesus,
Who are we trying to impress?
"There shall not be left here one stone upon another" {Matt. 24:1-2}
Remember, sometimes more is less!*

*I sat by a man inside an airplane,
Who just couldn't understand,
Why God would send some missionaries,
To the midst of 'Bible Belt' land. {Ezek. 3:4 & 5}*

*I went and listened to a preacher,
By millions he's been heard,
So many stories and illustrations,
I wondered, where was the Holy Word? {Am. 8:11 & 12}*

*Special music and entertainment,
May do to draw a crowd,
But Proverbs says a foolish woman,
Is clamorous and loud. {Prov. 9:13}*

*So many outreaches and programs,
For those who are lost and in pain,
But, "Except the Lord build the house,"
They that labor, labor in vain! {Ps. 127:1}*

*Called to be holy, because He is holy, {1 Pet. 1:16}
The Church just isn't able,
Still eating off of the wrong tree, {Gen. 2:17 & 3:6}
Feasting at polluted tables. {Zeph. 3:1 & 4}*

"But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean." {Isaiah 28:7&8 KJV}

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THE COMPLETE CHURCH

7 WOMEN

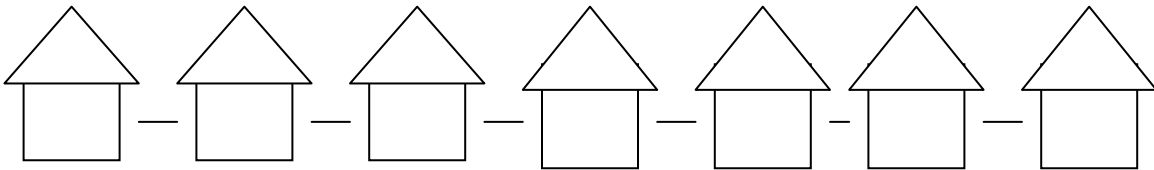
And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach. Isaiah 4:1

7 CHURCHES

John to the seven churches which are in Asia... (Read all of Revelation 2 and 3)

7 HEADS

And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.



**Read Revelation 11:13 and note “of men” in Greek, is “names of men.”*

And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. Matthew 24:1,2

WARNING!

And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down: And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry. Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth! Isaiah 5:5-8

NOTE: There is a **true uniting in this hour. Read Ephesians 4:13-16 **UNITY OF THE FAITH!** Faith comes by hearing and we know there is a famine in the land for the hearing- hearing what the spirit is saying to the church today. (Read Romans 10:17, Amos 8:11)*

DOCTRINE

**God will arise to scatter the enemies. He has desired Zion for his habitation. He is preparing Zion; a priesthood that will have the ability to feed the church, to lift her up. Zion will understand doctrine. The word will be written upon their hearts.*

They shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and clean. Ezekiel 44:23

All tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean, Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. Isaiah 28:9

For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Hebrews 5:13,14

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive. Ephesians 4:14

Give attendance to reading, to sound doctrine. I Timothy 4:13

Meditate upon these things: give thyself wholly to them; that thy profit may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt save them that hear thee. I Timothy 4:15,16

(Jesus said) Neither pray I for these alone but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. John 17:20

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. Titus 1:9-11

Jesus said unto them beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. Matthew 16:6

Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. Matthew 15:7-9

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils. I Timothy 4:1

**We are in those latter times and many are the doctrines of men.*

In this hour the watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion. Isaiah 52:8

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass. Deuteronomy 32:1,2



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY?

Our focus must not be on our family, but on
Jesus Christ!

And everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first. Matthew 19:29-30

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.
Luke 14:33

"THY KINGDOM COME"
King Jesus wants to have dominion in our lives!

THE LION AND THE LAMB



How many times have we seen pictures of the Lion and Lamb lying down together?

*Why do you believe what you believe? We must not be led by the teachings of man, but we must let the Word of God be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path!

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Isaiah 11:6-9

*Where in scripture do we see the Lion and the Lamb lying down together??????????

BORN AGAIN

Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding, he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. Matthew 11:11

Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God... Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. John 3:3,5,6,7 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death: but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. Romans 8:5-8

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin: for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. I John 3:9 **Being** born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1Peter 1:23.

**The seed has been mingled. The Word must increase and I must decrease.*

The kingdom of God cometh not by *observation*. Neither shall they say, Lo here! Or, lo there! For behold the kingdom of God is within you. Lk.17:20-21 *observation St#3907 ocular evidence*

And as we have borne the image of the earthy we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say brethren, flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. I Corinthians 15:49,50

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of God. II Corinthians 3:18

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. I Corinthians 13:12

For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass. James 1:23

**We are born a natural man but we must be born of the Spirit to be that spiritual house God is building in this hour. The glory of the natural house (terrestrial) is one, but the glory of the spiritual house (celestial) is another. We must be changed from glory to glory.*

SAVED BY?

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Ephesians 2:8

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. Hebrews 11:3

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: Amos 8:11

**By grace are you saved through faith.*

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ (*THE WORD*) 1 Peter 1:13

*Revelation - Rev. 1:1 Strong's #602- disclosure:--appearing, coming, lighten, manifestation, be revealed, revelation.

Manifestation - Rom. 8:19 Strong's #602

We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. II Corinthians 6:1

**NOTE: you can receive the grace in vain.*

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. Rom. 5:8-10

****We are saved BY HIS LIFE.***

Christ in you- the hope of glory.

WHERE DO YOU GO?

Have you ever found yourself having come out of a polluted sanctuary wondering where to go? Let the Word guide your steps!

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts. I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation. Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? Wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar; and as waters that fail? Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them. Jeremiah 15:19-19

Remove thy way far from **her** and come not nigh the door of **her** house: Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger; Proverbs 5:8-10

***Her**- strange woman

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. II Peter 1:1

We need to find those of like precious faith. Remember- faith comes by hearing.

Can two walk together, except they be agreed? Amos 3:3

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. Psalms 1:1

How can two walk together except they be in agreement? We must be led by the Word! We must come into agreement with the Word. We gather unto Him.

THE MARRIAGE BED

Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: Hebrews 13:4a
Strongs Concordance...Greek#283 unspoiled, pure

*AS I HAVE COUNSELLED WITH MANY IN THE CHURCH AND HEARD THE COUNSEL OF SOME OF OUR CHURCH LEADERS, I DARE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

HAS THE MARRIAGE BED BEEN DEFILED?

*According to Webster's Dictionary the word defile means to: make filthy, to pollute, to make ceremonially unclean, to corrupt, to profane, to violate the chastity of.

*It has been said that whatever the husband and wife agree upon within the privacy of their own bedroom is pure. To this I say NO!!! We must come into agreement with the word of God!

Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. I Corinthians 7:3

Strongs Concordance...Greek...#2133 kindness, euphem, conjugal duty, benevolence, good will.

Webster's Dictionary: benevolence-an inclination to do good.

For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. Romans 1:26-27

*There is a natural use of the body!!! Of all God's creatures, humans are the only ones who come together in the physical sense face to face. Too many people today can no longer be satisfied with the natural use of their spouse's body due to the defilement of the marriage bed.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: Colossians 3:5

And when her sister Aholibah saw this, she was more corrupt in her **inordinate** love than she, and in her whoredoms more than her sister in her whoredoms. Ezekiel 23:11

Strongs Concordance...Hebrew...#5691 and 5689... inordinate: amorousness, to breathe after, to love sensually.

*A standard must be raised in this hour. God's word must be our guide in the church and in our homes. We can no longer wink at the sin that has come into the church. Woe be unto those that call evil good and good evil. Masturbation, oral sex, and all manner of perversion have been winked at and even condoned. Many have even used the word of God, twisting it to condone the darkness they are walking in. Many have entered into such acts because of lack of knowledge. They have found themselves in bondage. Bondage that has entangled them for years. Many are the tears of those I have seen in bondage to masturbation. The seed is not to be cast on the ground! We are not to seek self-gratification. We are not to seek to please ourselves. Pornography is found in many Christian homes today. It has got to stop. It is bringing death.

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind.

*Our thoughts must be brought into obedience to Christ. Into obedience to the word of God. We must quit giving place to the devil, but cast down those evil thoughts, and those works of darkness. Many marriage beds have become defiled. Husbands and wives looking for things to stimulate them other than the use of their mates body. No longer does that mate stimulate enough or satisfy them, some only wanting an oral act, no longer wanting the coming together that God intended. We must raise the standard of God's word in our lives and in the church. It is His word that sets us free. Free to walk in the abundance, in the promises that He has called us unto.

SEED

HOLY SEED HATH MINGLED

**We are in a time like none other. The wheat and the tares grow up together until the time of harvest. (Matthew 13:30) God is raising up a priesthood that will understand just like Ezra- what an abomination it is before God, that the Holy Seed is mingled.*

The seed (the Holy Seed) is the word of God. Luke 8:11

**When that seed that has been planted in the earth and arises in a corporate man, every enemy shall be scattered (Psalm 68:1) A seed shall serve him: it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.*

They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this. Psalm 22:30-31

They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. Romans 9:8

Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made: and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Galatians 3:19

Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, And the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves; so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof. Isaiah 7:11-13

The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares (bad seed) among the wheat and went his way. Matthew 13:24-25

...Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee. The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words. Proverbs 23:7,8

All tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. Isaiah 28:8

**Even as God is raising up a priest in this hour we must recognize what a terrible thing it is for us to mingle the holy seed with the doctrines of men. The seed is mingled on the table.*

And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished. Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice. And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God, And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens. Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. Ezra 9:3-7

*The priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law. They offer polluted bread upon Gods alter. Teaching for doctrines the commandments of men making the word of God of none effect. (Matthew 15:6,9) (Read Zephaniah 3:4, Malachi 1:7, and Matthew 15:6-9). He will glorify the house of his glory. That house Zion will be his habitation. They will come and declare his righteousness.

**All creation is waiting, for the manifestation of the sons of God. Those that will feed a pure word to a church that has departed from him days without number. A pure word that will separate the holy from the profane. This priesthood will not be defiled by women, but the pure word of God will be written upon the tablets of their heart. And out of the abundance they will feed the church the substance with in. That holy seed that will bring them up higher.*

MINGLED SEED

*"The holy seed have mingled themselves", {Ezra 9:2}
In this trespass, princes and rulers have been chief!
When Ezra heard this terrible news,
It caused his heart much grief! {Ezra 9:3}*

*Forsaking the Lord's commandments,
To go and possess the land, {Ezra 9:11}
Instead, they'd partaken of its uncleanness, {II Cor. 6:14-17 & Eph. 5:11}
Now before God, they couldn't stand. {Ezra 9:15}*

*There was still hope concerning this thing, {Ezra 10:2}
If they obeyed the commandment they now heard, {Luke 11:28}
We too, must quickly put away mixture,
And contend for a pure Word! {Zeph. 3:9 & Jude 3}*

*For the holy seed has compromised again,
Unity at almost any cost! {Is. 5:8}
In the midst of all the mingling,
The pure Word of God, we've lost! {Prov. 30:5 & Zeph. 3:9}*

*Good seed was sown into the field, {Matt. 13:24 & 25}
But while the men slept,
The enemy sowed tares among the wheat,
And the cleanness of the field wasn't kept.*

*Are we also ashamed? {Ezra 9:6}
Are we sighing and crying, {Ezek. 9:4}
For all the abominations,
Which in the house of God, are lying?*

*When we hear mixture preached today,
Does it drive us to our knees?
Do we recognize mixture in our lives, {Matt. 12:25 & Rom. 7:19}
The world around us sees? {II Cor. 3:2}*

*Mingled seed, is being sown today,
And God's people are in need, {Am. 8:11 & 12}
Of the purity that is to be found, {Ps. 12:6 & Ps. 119:140}
In the holy seed.*

*It's only when they receive His Word,
That His people will be whole, {Ps. 107:20}
A great company will publish that Word, {Ps. 68:11}
But first their lips are touched with live coal. {Is. 6:6}*

*The Lord cries, "So that my glory may be seen,
The holy seed must no longer mingle!
For My body to be full of light, {Prov. 6:23}
Your eye must now, become single!" {Matt. 6:22-3}*

***For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons:
so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those
lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this
trespass." {Ezra 9:2 KJV}***

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THE UNSEEN BATTLE

*There's a battle that's raging,
Though not the visible kind, {Eph. 6:12}
Having to do with the thoughts,
That come to our mind.*

*"Gird up the loins of your mind", {I Pet. 1:13}
During these dark last days, {Am. 5:18}
Think of things of good report,
Think of things of virtue and praise. {Phil. 4:8}*

*That which is true, honest, and just,
Along with pure and lovely things, {Phil. 4:8}
May your thoughts be filled with these,
Whatever the day brings! {Ps. 19:14}*

*Are your thoughts full of contention,
Worry, sadness, and strife? {Eph. 5:31}
"To be carnally minded is death", {Rom. 8:6}
But spiritually minded, peace and life!*

*Friend, your situation is hard, {II Tim. 2:3}
And your emotions are real,
But it's His Word that holds true, {Ps. 119:89 & 160}
No matter what we feel! {Rom. 3:4}*

*You might wish things were different,
Your life may seem a mess,
But do you have food and raiment? {I Tim. 6:8}
So many, have less. {Ps. 100:4}*

*"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace",
"Whose mind is stayed on Thee", {Is. 26:3 & Col. 3:15}
We must put our trust in the One, {Prov. 3:5 & 6}
Whose plan goes beyond what we see. {Is. 55:7-9 & Col. 3:2}*

*From the simplicity in Christ,
Don't let your mind go astray, {II Cor. 11:3}
For a double-minded man,
Is unstable in every way! {I Chron. 12:33 & Js. 1:8}*

*"With the washing of water by the Word", {Eph. 5:26}
That is powerful and pure, {I Cor. 2:4 & Ps. 119:140}
"Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind", {Rom. 12:20}
Make sure the, "helmet of salvation", is secure! {Eph. 6:17}*

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." {II Cor. 10:5 KJV}

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WHY KING JAMES

There are so many bible translations today and I am often asked; why do you take such a strong stand for the King James Version? I want to try and explain why.

For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. **For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line;** here a little, and there a little: Isaiah 28:8-10

*We are living in a day when the Lord is going to return to his house a pure language, to serve him with one consent. (Zeph. 3:9) The word of the Lord is a pure word.(Proverbs 30:5) We are his house. The seed (the pure word) has been mingled with many doctrines of men, in his house. Resulting in the sanctuary being polluted and a famine for the hearing of the word. (Amos 8:11) Thus the tables are full of vomit and filthiness. The house God is wanting to build is us. That house will be built upon the revelation of the Word of God. The Door (the Word) is now open, and He is bidding us to come up higher. (Rev.4:1)

*We have many new translations today. I have heard so many say this or that translation is so much easier to understand. The fact is, it is the Spirit that leads us into all truth. We must have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today.

The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14

*The carnal mind is an enemy against God. Our minds must be renewed by the washing of the water of the pure word of God. Jesus (the Word) is the faithful witness. (Rev. 1:5) The Word is written, spoken and living. We must contend for the faith, which was once delivered to the saints. Remember too, that faith comes by hearing. The hearing comes from the Word. When the pure word arises in us, then all men will be drawn unto Him.

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of this prophecy of this book, If any man shall **add** unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book; And if any man shall **take away** from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of like, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. Revelation 22: 18-19

*Much has been added and taken away in our newer translations to help the natural mind to understand. Now let us return to Isaiah 28:10

*The precepts are all in the written word. He has given us everything that pertains unto life and godliness. His words are life to those that will find them. We must be lovers of truth. He is the way, the truth and the life. Without truth, we cannot come into that abundant life that he wants for us. There is no other way, but through the Door.

Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Hebrews 10:7

*We can find precepts in the newer translations, but you will not be able to draw the lines! If you can't draw the lines, how will you come through the door? How will you be established in present day truth?

Isaiah 28:10

Precept: Strongs#6673 an injunction :- commandment

Line: Strongs#6957 a cord (as connecting)

*This is the rest. (Is. 28:12) Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. (Heb. 4: 1)

Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. Proverbs 24:3-4

*God is not a man that he should lie. We must understand the certainty of truth. We must be lovers of truth, that we might be established to be his house.....Lynda L. Crane

THE LAST
DAYS

THREE QUESTIONS

If indeed we are in the last days, what does the Word say about these things?

- 1. What is the state of the church?**
- 2. What is God doing in this hour?**
- 3. What is the devil doing in this hour?**

So many today are talking about us being in the last days. If this is true, and I believe it is, it is very important that we let the Word be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Note in Matthew 24- that the very first thing Jesus told his disciples about the signs of his coming is:

BE NOT DECEIVED!

WHAT IS THE STATE (OR CONDITION) OF THE CHURCH IN THE LAST DAYS?

And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach. Isaiah 4:1

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the son of man be. Matthew 24:38-39

Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city! She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God. Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow. Her prophets are light and treacherous persons; her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law. Zephaniah 3:1-4

Behold , the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. Amos 8:1

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: ... II Timothy 3:1-7

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils. 1Timothy 4:1

And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey, ... Isaiah 59:14,15

*We see in Revelation 2and 3 that some have left their first love, they hold the doctrine of Balaam, and the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, they suffer Jezebel to teach, they say they are Jews and are not, and are lukewarm. Also in Amos 6:1 we see that the whole house of Israel has gone to the mountain of Samaria. (S#8111 watchstation in self)

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WHAT IS GOD DOING IN THIS HOUR?

And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to show him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things: verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. Matthew 24:1-2

*The temples made with mans hand will be brought down. Read Jer. 7:4, 1Cor.3:16 Acts 17:24.

I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the Lord. Zeph. 1:2

Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God: for the day of the Lord is at hand: for the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests. Zeph. 1:7

In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters; houses with violence and deceit. Zeph. 1:9

And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with *candles*, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil. Zeph. 1:11

Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. Heb. 12:26

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: 1 Pet.4:17

...for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Isaiah 26:9

...because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. Ezekiel 9:4

*To him that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches: **OVERCOME !** Read Rev.12:1

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WHAT IS THE DEVIL DOING IN THIS HOUR?

...whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders. II Thess. 2:9

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; II Corinthians 11:14,15

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. Rev. 12:4

*the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the *tail*. (Isaiah 9:15)

Those by the wayside are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. Luke 8:12

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible they shall deceive the very elect. Matt.24: 24

**Any place in us that has not been illuminated by the Revealed Word of God, is a place that is still dark and a place that we can give to the enemy.*

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: John 10:10

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: II Peter 5:8

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. II Cor.2: 11

...Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. Rev. 12:12

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TIME

**Whosoever keepeth the commandments shall feel no evil thing:
and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.**
Ecclesiastes 8:5b

*It is my prayer that we will be counted wise in this hour. The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion; in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me: he shall set me up upon a rock. Psalm 27:5

*He is the rock of our salvation and there is a place in Him where the evil one touches us not. We must get into the ark! He wants us to stand in the evil day. The place of standing is on the rock.

The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance (S#5159 occupancy) shall be forever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they; shall be satisfied. Psalm 37: 18-19

See that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:16-17

*We must enter into His rest and the timetable for that is the seventh day. (Refer to Hebrews 4:1,4-9) Let us discern the time we are in and the purpose of judgment.

But beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 2 Peter 3:8

*In this we see that each day is a thousand year period of time. That timetable remains the same until one day, (the seventh day). The timetable that follows will help us to understand some things about that certain day.

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Days, 1 2 3 4 5 6

But beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day II Peter 3:18

6th Day

After 6
Days
Luke 9:28
Matt. 17:1

6th Day
Gather
Double
Portion
(Ex. 16:29)

Rest- Gen. 2:2,3		7th Day			Wrath- Zeph. 1:13	
VOICE 7 TRUMPETS Zephaniah 1:6						
Rev. 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.						
1 Rev. 8:2	2 Rev. 8:8	3 Rev. 8:10	4 Rev. 8:12	5 Rev. 9:1	6 Rev. 9:13	7 Rev. 10:7
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8th Day

About 8 Days... Luke 9:28

FAITHFUL WITNESS: Rev. 1:5

TWO WITNESSES: Rev. 11:11

And after three days and a half the Spirit of Life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

THREE WITNESSES: WRITTEN-SPOKEN-LIVING

Matt. 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased; hear ye him.

II Cor. 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

TWO WITNESSES- shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days- Rev. 11:3

They shall feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days- Rev. 12:6

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7th DAY

SEVENTH DAY TIME TABLE

But beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 2 Peter 3:18

Here we see the time table of the Lord. Each day is set into a thousand year period of time. 1 Day = 1,000 years. Then one of the thousand year spans of time turns into one day. 1 Day = Day of the Lord or the 7th day.

*From Genesis till Jesus we see 4 days or 4,000 years. From Jesus to the present we see 2 days or 2,000 years. Thus bringing us into the 7th day (Day of the Lord), or a change in that time table.

- The 7th day, or the day of the Lord, is a day of rest. Genesis 2:2
- The 7th day is also a day of wrath. Zephaniah 1:15 Is. 13:9

Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest any of you should seem to come short of it. Heb. 4:1,4-9

Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger. Zeph. 2:3

WE WILL BE IN HIS REST OR IN HIS WRATH

The wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience. Col. 3:6 Eph. 5:6

*It is important we understand and are established in present day truth. Refer to "The Day Of The Lord" and "What Is Happening In The Day Of The Lord" studies.

When we come to the change in the Time Table or come to the 7th Day; there is an indication it may be a seven year period of time. (Rev. 11:3 and Rev. 12:6) The Day of the Lord is also a day of the trumpets. (Zeph. 1:16)

The Woes come with the 5th 6th and 7th trumpets.

FIFTH TRUMPET – locusts and scorpions

And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. Rev. 9:4

*Who will be sealed?

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forth and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Rev. 7:4

*Note the children are with the stick of Judah. Ezekiel 37:16

SIXTH TRUMPET – horses

By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. Rev. 9:18

SEVENTH TRUMPET

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall *begin* to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. Rev. 10:7

Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of the mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man *perfect in Christ Jesus*. Col. 1:26-28

*Note that little word in. There is a place in Him where the evil one touches us not. He is our hiding place. It is time to get into the ark! Remember the same water that held up the ark brought judgment upon the disobedient.

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WITNESSES

*There is much talk today about who the witnesses are. Let us draw our opinions from the Word of God.

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness... Revelation 1:5

*Jesus, THE WORD, written, spoken, and living. Three witnesses. We must let every word be established in the mouth of two or three witnesses. As we read the Written Word, we develop an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying. When we hear the Spoken Word, or hear what God is saying we come into the Living Word, or into Him who is our life. Thus we will be established in present day truth and established as His house.

Then said I, Lo, I come in the volume of the book it is written of me to do thy will, O God. Heb. 10:7

*The volume is sealed till the time of the end. (Daniel 12:9) Some have said to me that it is only the book of Daniel. No matter what your opinion is on this, I think we would all have to agree that the book of Daniel is part of the volume. We also know that the day is come when there is a famine for the hearing of the word of God. (Amos 8:11) Just because we have read it does not mean we have heard. We must have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today. His words are spirit and they are life and He came that we may have life and have it more abundantly.

READ MATTHEW 17:1-5

*Here we read of Moses, Elijah and Jesus. Moses represents the written word, Elijah represents the spoken word and Jesus represents the living word.

While he yet spake a cloud overshadowed them; and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is My Beloved Son; in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him. Mt. 17:5

This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall Every word be established. 2Cor. 13:1

*By understanding we are established as his house. One witness is not enough to establish. As we read the Word, the Spirit breathes upon that Word, bringing us into Life.

144,000

I was taught that the 144,000 were natural Israel. Let us go to the word of God and let the word be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our paths.

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the 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 a 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 beast, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed of the earth. These are *they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins*. These are *they which follow the Lamb withersoever he goeth*. These were redeemed from among men, being the *firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb*. And in their their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. Revelation 14:1-5

*Now let us look at this description of the 144,000...

- ⊗ They have the Father's name written in their foreheads. Refer to Jn.17: 6-11.
- ⊗ They sung as it were a new song. (May I suggest here, that these are the ones that have received the volume of the book, which was sealed up until the last days. They have come through the door. Rev. 1:4)
- ⊗ They which were not defiled with women. We know that the woman is always the church. There are many doctrines of man, which make the word of no effect.
- ⊗ They are virgins. Scripture tells us of ten virgins. Five wise and five foolish. I believe that these are the wise that will shine.
- ⊗ They follow the Lamb withersoever he goeth. We know that he came among his own and they knew him not.
- ⊗ These were redeemed from among men. Refer to Hebrews 5:1-2
- ⊗ Firstfruits unto God. Refer to 1 Cor. 15:19-28
- ⊗ In their mouth was found no guile: We know that the one that is able to bridle his tounge, that same one is a perfect man. It is also out of the abundance of our heart our mouth will speak. There will be a priesthood in this hour that will have the word written upon the tablets of their heart.
- ⊗ They are without fault before the throne of God. No flesh will glory in his presence. Refer to Psalms 9:7-11

WHO ARE THE SONS

(Note plural)

When the glory arises the sons will be manifested.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. Romans 8: 18-19

*Here we see that all of creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God.

For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. Romans 8:20-22

*creature and creation in verses 20-22 are the same number in Strong's Concordance #2937 = building, creature, creation

*Those the glory is revealed in will be the manifested sons according to Romans 8:18,19

***Read all Isaiah 60**

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.
Isaiah 60:1

*We then see Gentiles and Kings coming to those the glory has risen upon (v.2 & 3)
Even those that afflicted them will come on bended knee.

The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 60:13-14

*Note verse 14- at this point in time, those the glory rise upon are called the city and Zion.

*Will the sons and daughters be partakers of the glory? The answer is yes. (We know there are few that will continue to press on that strait path to find life (Matt.7:13-14). But now let us read of a number that will not be few.

Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof. And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. Jeremiah 30:18-19

*We see here a number (not a few) that will be glorified.

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. Isaiah 62:1-4

*Zion will sigh and cry for the abominations done in Jerusalem. Jerusalem which now is - is in bondage with her children. Galatians 4:25

For as a young man marryeth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee. I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence. And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Isaiah 62:5-7

*Zion will marry Jerusalem. Jerusalem will come to Zion and be taught of the Lord. (To marry is to become one with.) We must come into the unity of the faith. We become one in the Word (In Him). He (the Word) is the glory.

For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. Galatians 4:25-26

*When Jerusalem is fed a pure word, Zion and Jerusalem will marry or become one.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. John 17:22-23

*When Zion and Jerusalem become one then the world will know. For God so loved the world. That was the plan of God from the very beginning.

*In this process we also need to understand that the law will go forth out of Zion to convert the soulish church. When that church is converted the Word will go forth from Jerusalem.

And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Revelation 21:2

*Here we see New Jerusalem, the city the bride prepared.

*You may also see the two sons in Luke 15:11-32

*There is a place IN HIM where the evil one touches us not.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

TWO SONS
“A certain man had two sons”
Luke 15

**As we read the account of these two sons we find one stays with his father and the other leaves taking his portion and wasting his substance with riotous living and harlots.*

And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. Luke 15:12-13

So the holy seed shall be the substance thereof. Isaiah 6:13b

**How many today have left the Father and fallen away from truth (holy seed)? Wasting their living with harlots. Eating, drinking and making merry.*

And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. Luke 15:14

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:
Amos 8:11

And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. Luke 15:15

**Note this son has now joined himself with a citizen of a far country. This citizen then sends this son into his fields to feed swine.*

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you. Matthew 7:6

And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. Luke 15:16

**This son became so hungry he would have eaten the husks that the swine ate but no man gave unto him. (The corn is in the husks and there is a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains. Psalms 72:16)*

And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. Luke 15:17-19

*Here we see that he comes to himself realizing there was bread in the Fathers house. Jesus, The Word is that bread (John 6:48). He realizes he has sinned, confesses his sin and returns to the Father.

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: Luke 15:20-22

**We must not wear our own apparel (Isaiah 4:1), but have on the robe of righteousness (Isaiah 61:10), and our feet must be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.*

And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. Luke 15:23-24

**Note the Father still calls him son.*

Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, Ezekiel 37:12-13

Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and entreated him. Luke 15:25-28

**Although the faithful son would not go in, the Father went out and entreated him.*

And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found. Luke 15:29-32

**Note the Father's response to the faithful son in verse 31.*

THE DAY OF THE LORD
“The Day of the Lord is at Hand”

Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. Joel 1:15

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: Joel 2:1-2a

For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head. Obadiah 15

Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests. Zephaniah 1:7

READ THE ENTIRE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH

At what time? The day of the LORD!

And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil. Zephaniah 1:12

Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment? Refer to Malachi 2:17

That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble, and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. Zephaniah 1:15,16

Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger. Zephaniah 2:3

WHEN WE THINK ABOUT JUDGMENT, WE MUST REALIZE THE PURPOSE FOR IT.

And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and they which see might be made blind. John 9:39

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.
Isaiah 42:1

Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. Zephaniah 3:8,9

↓ PURPOSE OF JUDGMENT ↓

↙ In the day of the Lord

FOR THEN WILL I TURN TO THE PEOPLE A PURE LANGUAGE, THAT THEY MAY ALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD, TO SERVE HIM WITH ONE CONSENT.

For when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Isaiah 26:9b

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.
Is.9:7

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE DAY OF THE LORD

ZEPHANIAH

**The day is upon us. It is important to understand the times we are in. Study the entire book of Zephaniah. Let us look at the many things that are taking place in that day.*

Chapter One

God is consuming all flesh and the stumbling blocks with the wicked. v.1-2

His hand will be stretched upon Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. From here the remnant of Baal and the name of the Chemarim (#8649 idolatrice priests) with the priests will be cut off. Also those that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops and them that worship and swear by the Lord and that swear by Malcham.(#4445 --idol) And them that are turned back from the Lord and those that have not sought , nor inquired of the Lord. v. 4,5,6

The Lord hath prepared a sacrifice and he hath bid his guests. v. 7

The princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel will be punished. Also those that leap on the threshold and fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit. v. 8,9

There will be a cry from the fish gate, and an howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills. (Ref. to Is. 10:32) v.10

The merchant people are cut down and all that bear silver are cut off. v. 11

The Lord will search Jerusalem with *candles (Int. lamp)*, and punish the men that are settled on their lees, that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil. v. 12

It is a day of the VOICE. v. 14

That day is a day of wrath, trouble, distress, wasteness, desolation, darkness. v. 15

A day of the TRUMPET and alarm against the *fenced cities and high towers*. v. 16
**the multiple denominations and doctrines of men.*

Chapter Two

Those that have ears to hear, will gather together. They will seek the Lord. They will embrace His judgements. They will seek righteousness and meekness. v.1

**There are those that will be hid in the day of the Lord's anger. He is our Hiding Place. They will not be taken out of the evil day, but they will be kept. Read John 17:15.*

*It is a day of WOE *Note the woes with the 5th, 6th and 7th trumpet in Revelation 8:13.*

The Lord shall visit the remnant of the house of Judah and turn away their captivity. v. 7

The residue of Gods people shall spoil, and the remnant shall possess.

residue #7611 a remainder or residual (surviving, final) portion that had escaped, remnant.

spoil #962 to plunder, catch, gather (take) for a prey, rob or robbers, take away, spoil X utterly.

remnant #3499 an overhanging , an excess, superiority, remainder, residue

possess #5157 to inherit, to occupy, distribute, have inheritance.

The Lord will famish all the gods of the earth. v.11

Chapter Three

Woe comes to those of Gods people, who do not receive correction, who trust not in the Lord and draw not near to her God. (v. 1,2)

* In the book of Zephaniah, as we study about the day of the Lord, it is important that we understand that the Lord loves judgement. (Is. 61:8) Judgement is unto truth. (Is. 42:3) Also, when his judgements are in the earth, the people of the world will learn righteousness. (Is. 26:9)

All the earth shall be devoured with the fire of His jealousy. v. 8

FOR THEN WILL I TURN TO THE PEOPLE A PURE LANGUAGE, THAT THEY MAY ALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD, TO SERVE HIM WITH ONE CONSENT. V.9

**The Word of the Lord is a pure word 04/10/99*

THE FOUR WINDS

Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, thus saith the Lord God: Come from the **four winds**, O **breath**, and breathe on these slain, that they may live. Ezekiel 37:9

Note: Daniel 7:2, 8:8, 11:4, Jeremiah 49:36, Zechariah 2:6

In four **quarters** were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south.
1 Chronicles 9:24

And I looked, and, behold, a **whirlwind** came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire enfolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire. Ezekiel 1:4

In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people. And for a **spirit** of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate. Isaiah 28:5-6

The **spirit** of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath send me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; Isaiah 61:1

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the **Spirit** of God moved upon the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2

STRONGS CONCORDANCE

Hebrew

Winds- #7307 ruwach, roo'-akh; from 7306, wind; by resemblance breath, i.e. a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; fig. life, anger, insubstantiality; by extens. a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit, but only of a rational being (includ. its expression and functions): -air, anger, blast, breath x cool, courage, mind, x quarter x side, spirit (ual), tempest, x vain, (whirl) wind (y)

breath #7307

quarters #7307

whirlwind #7307

spirit-Spirit #7307

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. Revelation 7:1

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:17

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
John 4:24

STRONGS CONCORDANCE

Greek

winds #417 anemos, an-em-os; from the base of #109,; wind (plur.) by impl. (the four) quarters (of the earth): wind.

air #109 ah-ayr; (to breathe unconsciously, i.e. respire; by anal. to blow); "air" (as naturally circumambient):-air. Comp.5594

Spirit-spirit #4151 pneuma, pnyoo'-mah; from 4154; a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by anal. or fig. a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by impl.) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit:-ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -uality), mind. Comp. 5590

#5590 psuche, psoo-khay; from 5594; breathe, i.e. (by impl.) spirit.....
these terms thus exactly correspond respectively to the Hebrew #5315, #7307, and #2416

#5594 psucho, psoo'-kho; a prim. verb; to breathe (voluntarily but gently; thus differing on the one hand from 4154, which denotes prop. a forcible respiration; and on the other from the base of 109, which refers prop. to an inanimate breeze

*Let us study, to shew ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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REVELATION 6

v. 1 FOUR BEASTS (refer to) Rev. 4:7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.
 *Eagle- Strong's. #105, SAME AS #109, see 3134 MARANATHA (mean. Our Lord has come) i.e. exclamation of the approaching divine judgment. #109 is the same as "air" in 1Thes. 4:17

HORSES

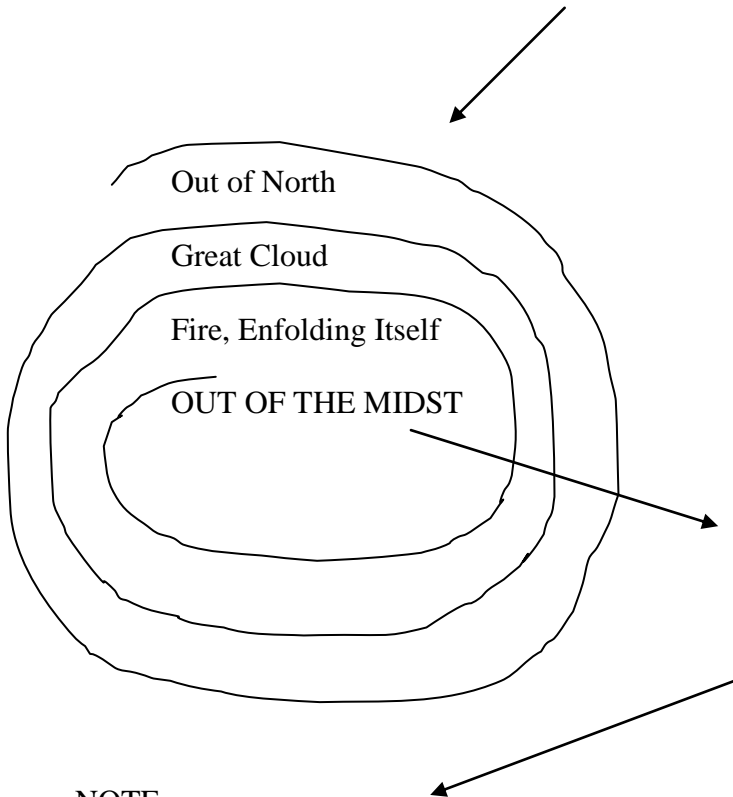
Revelation 6:2-8	White Horse..Red Horse..Black Horse...Pale Horse.
Zechariah 1:8	Red Horse..Red Horses...Speckled and White....
Zechariah 6:2	Red Horse in first chariot...Black Horses in second Chariot... White Horses in third chariot...Grisled and Bay Horses in fourth chariot.

NOTE: Read Zechariah 6:5 The Four Horses are the Four Spirits (Four Winds) of the heavens which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

*Spirits S.#7307 SAME AS:.....Ezekiel 37

v. 1 spirit #7307
 v. 5 breath #7307
 v. 9 breath #7307

SAME AS: Ezekiel 1:4 WHIRLWIND #7307



Ezekiel 1:10
FOUR LIVING CREATURES
 ...they four had the face of:
 1. a man 1. a lion
 2. lion 2. calf
 3. ox 3. man
 4. eagle 4. eagle

NOTE:
 Four Beasts in Rev. same as
 Four Living Creatures in Ezekiel

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CHERUBIM

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

**There is a cherubim and a flaming sword to keep the way of the tree of life. We know from Revelation 2:7 that it is the overcomers that will eat of the tree of life. there is a way that seems right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death (Proverbs 14:12). He came that we might have life, so we must ask ourselves; "What is keeping us from the life He wants for us?" Lets look at some scriptures about cherubim and the flaming sword that are keeping the way into that life.*

And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings. Ezekiel 10:8

And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. 1 Kings 18:44

**Note the time (seventh). The hand signifies priesthood.*

For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Hebrews 4:4-9

**None of us want to come short of that promise of entering into his rest. There is a place in Him where the evil one touches us not. How do we come*

into Him who is life? His words are life and He is the door. He is the way, the truth and the life. How do we come into that place of life in Him?

*It is written. He has given us everything that pertaineth unto life and godliness. May He give us ears to hear, eyes to see and a heart to obey. Lets look at the cherubim and the flaming sword that are keeping the way of life.

And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. Hebrews 1:7

**We understand I hope that the sword is the Word. (Ephesians 6:17)*

Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. Jeremiah 5:14

Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire. Isaiah 29:6

Cherubim - Strong's #3742: a cherub or imaginary being. **Perhaps a spiritual being?*

**It is by the immutability of his counsel we will enter into that place of life. The door is open and he is saying to us. Come up higher. He is raising up a priesthood in this hour (Melch. Priesthood) that will have the ability to lift. To bring a pure word to man for life.*

OVERCOME

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Revelation 12:11

*We see here 3 steps to overcome. I want us to look at each one of these individually. In Revelation 2 & 3, John writes to the seven (complete) churches in the day of the Lord and tells them to overcome. There was a time in my life while living in Alaska, that I received a pamphlet called the Overcomers. As I was contemplating the cost, I remember thinking to myself that I was not sure if I wanted to pay that high of a cost, not understanding that in laying down my own self life I would find abundant life. Since that time I have come to believe that we will either overcome or be overcome.

BLOOD OF THE LAMB

For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. Colossians 1:19-20

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:9

*He willing laid his life down that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

OVERCOME (p. 2)

WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY

...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Matthew 12:34

*Note: It is out of the abundance. If we put good in then good will come out. If we put bad in then that is what will come out. Our testimony, or the words we speak need to be words of life.

Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren these things ought not so to be. James 3:10

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: Proverbs 18:21

A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: Proverbs 15:4

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psalms 119:11

THEY LOVED NOT THEIR LIVES UNTO THE DEATH

*Know ye not that you are the temple of God? The Word has power over our flesh. John 17:2 It is our flesh that is withholding Him from being revealed.

Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. Psalm 68:1

He must increase, but I must decrease. John 3:30

*We must not hide from our flesh, or our self life, but we must let the Word arise in us. Loving not our (self) life unto the death. Those that are Christ's will crucify the flesh and the lusts thereof. Thus, He will be revealed in us.

**GOD'S
PLAN**

**For God so loved the world, that
He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.
John 3:16**

GODS PLAN

From the very beginning GOD has had a plan to reconcile all things unto himself.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. John 3:15-16

*It is through him we have access to the Father. He is the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Him. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell. Colossians 1:19

**We are to come into His fullness and there is a time frame and order for that to happen. Just as with Gideon's Army. The separating was to bring forth the faithful few to possess the land, So it is in this day. There will come a faithful few that will have the ability to lift.*

When his judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Isaiah 26:9

*He came first to the "Natural House" to establish the "Spiritual House." Then at midnight a cry was made and "Ten Virgins" arose. But there were "Five Foolish Virgins" and "Five Wise Virgins". The Wise shall inherit glory. The Wise will be his habitation or "Zion." Then they will feed the woman (church, Jerusalem) in the wilderness. They will feed her a pure word. Then Zion and Jerusalem will become one. Then the world will know, He is the King of Kings and Lord of lords.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them: that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one: and that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them as thou hast loved me. John 11:22,23

NATURAL HOUSE

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. John 1:10-11

And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. Acts 13:44-47

I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles; how much more their fullness? Romans 11:11-12

For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? Romans 11:15

Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off and thou standest by faith. Be not high minded, but fear; For God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Romans 11:19

Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. I Corinthians 15:46

Know ye not ye are the temple... (I Corinthians 3:16)

We are his house... (Hebrews 3:6)

There are vessels to honor and dishonor... (II Timothy 2:20,21)

SPIRITUAL HOUSE

For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God. Romans 2:28,29

But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Hebrews 3:6

**What has happened in the church today?*

How is the gold become dim! How is the most fine gold changed! The stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street. Lamentations 4:1

Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law. Zephaniah 3:4

And Aholah played the harlot when she was mine;...(v. 5). And when her sister Aholiba saw this, she was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her whoredoms...(v. 11). Then I saw that she was defiled, that they both took one way...(v.13). Ezekiel 23:5,11,13

What! Know ye not that he which is joined to a harlot is one body? For two, saith he shall be one flesh. I Corinthians 6: 16

Woe to those who join house to house and field to field. Isaiah 5:8

And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. Revelation 17:5

...her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. Jeremiah 3:8b

Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. Revelation 18:4

TEN VIRGINS

***NOTE** *Five are wise and five are foolish, but they are all virgins.*

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. Matthew 25:1

And at midnight, there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. Matthew 25:6-7 **Note as you read Chapter 25, the foolish virgins did not have enough oil, (v. 10). And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut.*

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. II Timothy 2:20-21

Know ye not that ye are the temple of god, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? I Corinthians 3:16

Let your loins be girded about, and your light burning. **Our loins are girt with truth. He is the way, the truth and the life. His words are life to those that will find them.* (Luke 12:35)

**The house that the gates of hell will not prevail against, will be built on revelation knowledge. Jesus Christ is the Revealed Word. He is the Door. The first Chapter of Revelation tells us that the revelation of the Word will come on the Lord's day. The door is open and we must come up higher. It is time that the house of the Lord be built, (Haggai I).*

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it,(v. 1). Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief, (v. 6). For if Jesus had given them rest then would he not afterward have spoken of another day, (v. 8). There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God, (v. 9). Hebrews 4:1,6,8,9

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Genesis 49:10

And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? Eccl. 2:19a

FOOLISH VIRGINS

COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE

**He called you out, to bring you in. Into Him.*

Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. Matthew 25:7-8

Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? Therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways. Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these. Jeremiah 2:33-34

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Matthew 25:10-12

When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Luke 13:25

Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are: depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And, behold, there are last which shall be first; and there are first which shall be last. Luke 13:26-30

**Note- The foolish virgins are workers of iniquity.*

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by fear of the Lord men depart from evil. Proverbs 16:6

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.
Romans 1:18

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.
Romans 1:21-22

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand; And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. Matthew 7:26,27

The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. Ecclesiastes 7:4

But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 24:48-51

COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE

**He called you out, to bring you in. Into Him.*

WISE VIRGINS

..the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. Matthew 25:4
....oil to make his face to shine, Psalm 104:15

And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Luke 12:42

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever. Daniel 12:3

Shine # 2094 a prim. root; to gleam; fig. to enlighten (by caution):-admonish, shine, teach, (give) warn(ing)

And he said, Go thy way Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. Daniel 12:9-10

Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:14-17

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; John 17:20

So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading. Nehemiah 8:8

And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth. Ecclesiastes 12:9-10

The lips of the wise disperse knowledge... Proverbs 15:7

In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them. Proverbs 14:3

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: Matthew 7:24

The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools. Proverbs 3:35

ZION

For the Lord has chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.
Psalm 132:13

Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness: I bring near my righteousness: it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory. Isaiah 46:12,13

And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the Lord's. Obadiah 2:1

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills' and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go for the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:2,3

And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth out of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. Micah 4:2

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. Psalm 19:7

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: Romans 11:25,26

ZION

The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah...And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her. Psalm 87:2-3 5

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Psalm 24:7

But thou, O lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. Read Psalm 110:2-7, Psalm 3:3

**There is coming forth a people that will know their God. A people that will let him arise. (Then the enemies will be scattered.) A people whose mind will be renewed by the pure word of God. (Upon whom the Son of Man will lay his head.) A people that will cease from their own works and enter into his rest.*

..and all that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee the city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy one of Israel.
Isaiah 60:14b

For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest forever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. Psalm 132:13-14

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. Hebrews 4:1

..and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. Revelation 17:14

..a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Fathers name written in their foreheads. Revelation 14:1

I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.... Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; John 17: 15-

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:18

- *There is coming a change in the priesthood. (Heb. 6:20) Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedek. Priests called from among men, for men. A living sacrifice. That His kingdom might be established in earth.*

JERUSALEM

So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no stranger pass through her any more. Joel 3:17

For this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. Galatians 4:25

Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain. Zechariah 8:3

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:3

For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee. Isaiah 62:5

As yet shall he remain at Nob that day: he shall shake his hand against the out of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem. Isaiah 10:32

WORLD

With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Isaiah 26:9

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:7

I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. John 17:23

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. Revelations 11:15

And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. Romans 11:23

And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all. Ezekiel 37:22

GROW UP
CHURCH

NIGERIA

In 1986 I was invited to go to Nigeria with a dear friend of mine. Prior to our departure she had to cancel.

This left me in quite a predicament; you cannot go to Nigeria without an invitation from within the country and the invitation had come to her. She gave me the name of a man, David, that worked with Benson Idahosa, whose conference we were planning on attending. I called and told him my plight. Surely I can testify that God will make a way where there seems to be none.

Several hours later he called me back. He told me he had felt from the Lord to help me. He said he had obtained an invitation for me and went on with an explanation of an itinerary he had set up for me. I remember saying a breathless thank-you as I hung up the phone.

*The next couple of weeks were busy with much preparation, always before the Lord with, "What am I to say to this multitude of people?" It seemed as if God was not hearing me. Finally three days prior to leaving, God gave me three words to share with the people, **GROW UP CHURCH!** I have preached these words for years.*

Woe be unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! Matthew 24:19

*The last time I went to Nigeria God spoke to me and said, **"Tell my people to get into the ark!"***

He is our hiding place. There is a place in Him where the evil one touches us not.

GROWING UP

Growing up is a process. That processing has a lot to do with the choices we make. We choose whom we yield our members to and we choose to pick up our cross daily to follow after Him. In the day we are living in; a day in which the enemy knows his days are numbered, it is very important that we grow up into Him. There is a place in him where the evil one touches us not.

Woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days!
Matthew 24:19

- *If we are giving suck, we are giving milk. If we are still on milk, our senses will not be exercised to discern both good and evil and we will not be skillful in the word of righteousness. Refer to Hebrews 5:13-14.*
- *The tables are full of vomit. The pure Word has been mingled with the doctrines of man. There is no place clean. God is raising up a priesthood that will separate the holy from the profane. He will return a pure language to his people.*

Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept; precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little. Isaiah 28:9-10

- *Let us look at some characteristics of a child, or an immature Christian. They can be very demanding and selfish. Always complaining and pouting when they don't get their way. They want to be entertained, not able to endure sound doctrine.*

And a man's foes shall be those of his own household. Matthew 10:36

Now I say, That an heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Galatians 4:1-2

**Let us be swift to hear what the Spirit is speaking to the church today. Let us lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save our souls.*

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ Ephesians 4:14-15

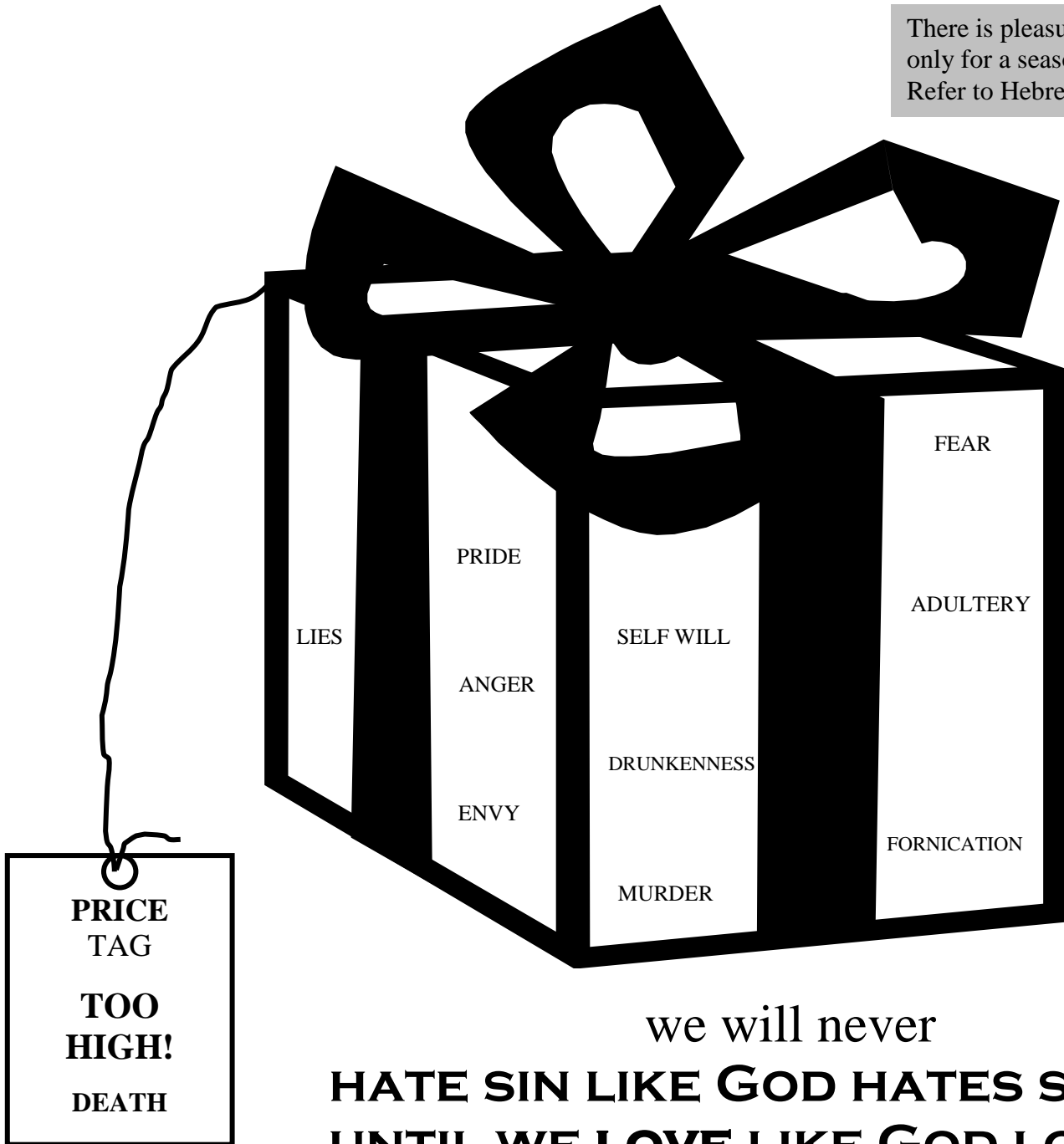
When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 1 Corinthians 13:11

Indeed, we are in an evil day and God wants his people to stand. We need to grow up into Him in all things. He is our Hiding Place. Let everyone that calls himself a Christian, flee youthful lusts and follow after righteousness. That we might be a vessel of honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. Having done all and standing In Him!

IT MIGHT LOOK GOOD. But is it?
Don't be deceived!

THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH Romans 6:23

There is pleasure in sin, but
only for a season.
Refer to Hebrews 11:25



we will never
**HATE SIN LIKE GOD HATES SIN
UNTIL WE LOVE LIKE GOD LOVES.**

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil:... Psalms 97:10

BLESSING/CURSE

Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse.
Deut. 11:26

BLESSING

- A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: (Deut. 11:27)
- He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. (Psalms 24:5-6)
- Blessings are upon the head of the just... (Prov. 10:6)
- A faithful man shall abound with blessings (Prov. 28:20)
- Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. (1 Peter 3:9)
- Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse... pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. (Mal 3:10)
- Bless be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. (Eph. 1:3)

CURSE

- And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known. (Deut. 11:28)
- ... the curse causeless shall not come. (Prov. 26:2)
- ... cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this covenant. (Jer. 11:3)
- Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully. (Jer. 48:10)
- Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. (Jer. 17:5)
- ... cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. (Gal. 3:10)
- cursed be the deceiver... (Mal 1:14)

FLESH

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before. As I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21

*Note witchcraft is a working of the flesh. Do we see flesh working in the church today?

O foolish Galatians, who hath *bewitched* you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? Galatians 3:1-3

Bewitched: Strongs #940 to malign, i.e. (by extens.) to fascinate (by false representations)

*Obviously, the church in Galatia had been bewitched. They had received Christ by faith but were now in the flesh. Refer to John 17:1-2. The Word of the Lord has power over our flesh. It is our flesh that is withholding Him from being revealed in us. He must increase and we must decrease. The Word of the Lord is pure. The Word is truth, and it is the truth that makes us free.

For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. Galatians 5:17

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.....For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Romans 8:8-13-1

FLESH (p.2)

Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. Jeremiah 17:5

Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft. 1 Samuel 15:23

The rebellious dwell in a dry land but the willing and the obedient will eat the good of the land. But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Refer to Ps.68:6 & Isaiah 1:19-20

*As we look at the works of the flesh in Galatians we might ask ourselves what some of the words mean. Following are a few definitions from Websters Dictionary:

Lascivious: 1. Characterized by or expressing lust or lewdness; wanton. 2. Tending to excite lustful desires.

Variance: 1. Disagreeing; quarreling; not in accord: said of persons. 2. Not in agreement with each other; differing; conflicting: said of things.

Emulations: 1. Desire or ambition to equal or surpass. 2. Ambitious rivalry, envious dislike. SYN. Competition.

Seditious: 1. The stirring up of discontent, resistance, or rebellion against the government in power.

Heresies: 1. A religious belief opposed to doctrine.

Revellings: rioting

**Jesus came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly. Let us each one, cast off the sins that so easily beset us and run the race. Letting the Word light our path, not leaning on the arm of the flesh but looking unto Jesus (The Word), who is the author and the finisher of our faith. No flesh will glory in his presence.*

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FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance:** against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

Enter ye in at the strait gate for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. **Ye shall know them by their fruits.** Every tree that bringeth not good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore **by their fruits ye shall know them.** Matthew 7: 13-20.

The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits. Second Timothy 2:6

*We must know those that labor among us. It is one thing for someone to pass through your field but it is something else to allow someone to labor there. According to the Word, those that labor must *first* be partaker of the fruit. I've often said, don't tell me how mature you are if I do not see the nature of my Lord Jesus in your life. As trees of righteousness we are to bear fruit, The fruit of the Spirit.

LOVE

..The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Romans 5:5

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: 1 Peter 1:22

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth....1 Corinthians 13:4-8

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (p.2)

*God is love. May we not be satisfied until we awake in His likeness.

JOY

...For the joy of the Lord is our strength. Nehemiah 8:10

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and *joy* in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Romans 14:17-18

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with *joy unspeakable* and full of glory. 1 Peter 1:8

PEACE

Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them. Psalms 119:165

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Romans 8:7

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6

*The peace of God is not the peace that is dependent on circumstances but a peace that will keep you in the midst of a storm.

LONGSUFFERING

With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:2-3

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. Colossians 3:12-13

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (p. 3)

*Years ago we had a dear brother from Zimbabwe, ministering here in Heppner. I will never forget him speaking on longsuffering. He left us and walking upstairs and throughout the house saying, long-----
-----suffering. Do you know suffering is long if it is longsuffering?

GENTLENESS

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. James 3:17

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth. 2 Timothy 2:24-25

GOODNESS

...The goodness of God endureth continually. Psalm 52:1

But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. Luke 6: 27

FAITH

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing cometh by the word of God. Romans 10:17

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must first believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6

*In this hour in which we are living, there is a famine for the hearing of the Word of God. If we have not heard, we will not have faith.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (p. 4)

MEEKNESS

To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. Titus 3:2

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: 1 Peter 3:15

TEMPERANCE

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge *temperance*; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:5-8

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it under subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. 1 Cor. 9:25-27.

*May we all be satisfied only when we awake in His Likeness! All of creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God.

But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left. 2 Cor. 6:4-7

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FEAR OF THE LORD

And unto man he said, Behold the *fear of the Lord, that is wisdom* and to depart from evil is understanding. Job 28:2

* We need to understand that we are living in a day when the Lord is building a spiritual house. We are that house. (Heb. 3:6) Through wisdom is a house builded; and by understanding it is established: And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. (Prov. 24:3-4)

The *fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever*: Psalms 19:9

The *fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom*: Psalms 111:10 Proverbs 9:10

The *fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge*: Proverbs 1:7

The *fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom*; Proverbs 15:33

The *fear of the Lord is to hate evil*. Proverbs 3:7

Be not wise in your own eyes; *fear the Lord* and depart from evil. Proverbs 3:7

Blessed is every one that *feareth the Lord*; that walketh in his ways. Psalm 128:1

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the *fear of the Lord* men depart from evil. Proverbs 16:6

...Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God. Psalm 55:19

Learn to fear....Deut. 14:23 17:19 31:12-13

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant. Psalm 25:14

FEAR: ST.#3374 fear (also used as infin) mor. Reverence:-x dreadful x exceedingly, fear (fulness)

FEAR OF THE LORD (p. 2)

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots; And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the *fear of the Lord*; And shall make him of quick understanding in the *fear of the Lord*: he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. Isaiah 11:1-5

And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left,.....Isaiah 11:10-11

* Note the time table.

And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. Isaiah 11:12

And there shall be an **highway** for the remnant of his people, which shall be left.....Isaiah 11:16

And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.....
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Isaiah 35:8 and 10

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A MATURE MAN

And he gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we 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 fullness of Christ. That we henceforth be no more children... Ephesians 4:11-14

- *It is obvious church that we have not come into the unity of the faith. Faith comes by hearing and there is a famine today for the hearing of the Word of God. May He grant unto us ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today. He is the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher. He has called us into his fullness.*

For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come then that which is in part shall be done away. 1 Corinthians 13:9

LET US GO ON UNTO PERFECTION!!!!

A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this. Psalm 22:30,31

There will be a mature man that will come, that will have the ability to lift. To lift up a church that has departed from truth. Out of the abundance of their heart, will flow forth a pure word to water the desert.

Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is put under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the Father. Galatians 4:1,2

NOTE: *There is an appointed time! A time when a mature man will come forth. There is a time table for the plan of God. In John 17, Jesus is praying to the Father for this people. A people that will be kept in the evil time. They will stand! He also states they will be sanctified by the truth. There is only One Truth! Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do we really think we can come into that abundant life without truth? No! There is no other way. The Door is open (He is the door), and he is telling us to come up higher. In verse 20 He says; Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their words. Remember, there is an appointed time. The seventh day.*

For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise. And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, Today, after so long a time; as it is said, Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.
Hebrews 4:4-9

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: But the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

A priest will come to turn a church back to truth. A priest to feed the woman (or the church).

And saviours shall come up on Zion to judge the mount of Esau: and the kingdom shall be the Lords. Obadiah 21

➤ In Strongs the word saviours is #3467 to open wide or free, i.e. (by impl.) to be safe, to free or succor or avenging, defend, deliver (er), help preserve, bring.

That priesthood will come, revenging all disobedience, when their obedience is fulfilled. Judgment begins first at the house of the Lord.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be made perfect in one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me , and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. John 17: 22,23

*Gods plan from the very beginning was because he so loved the world. That world is hissing at the church today. I am so thankful that He has a plan! When his judgments are in the world, the people of the world will learn righteousness. **JUDGMENT UNTO TRUTH!***

LAW/CHILDREN

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.....Mt. 5:17

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul:.....Ps. 19:7

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.....Ps. 119:142

**In 1986, in preparing for a trip to Nigeria, the Lord gave me three words for his people. Those words were: "GROW UP CHURCH!"*

Wherefore the law was our *schoolmaster* to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.....Gal. 3:24

schoolmaster S#3807 a boy leader, i.e. a servant , whose office it was to take the children to school.

Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.....Gal. 4:1-2

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we 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 fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may GROW UP INTO HIM in all things, which is the head, even Christ.....Eph. 4:11-15

*When we are children, we are in bondage under the elements of the world. The truth will make us free. We know that we are not justified by the works of the law, for it is by grace we are saved. But grace is brought to us at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:13)

**There is a time appointed.*

...The priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done *violence* to the law.....Zeph. 3:4

violence S#2554 take away

Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shown difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravaging the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.....Ez. 22:26-27

God is going to bring forth a new priesthood in this hour. The refining fire has come. From that fire there will emerge, one like unto the son of man, after the order of Melchisedek.

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hill; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law.....Is. 2:2-3

This priesthood will be prepared to be a living sacrifice . To feed a pure word to a church that has fallen away from truth. The Word will be written upon the tablets of their hearts. They will read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and will give the sense, and cause them to understand the reading. That they too, might come through the Door.

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LAW

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul...Ps.19:7a. [The law of the Lord converts the soul].

Exodus 20

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven images or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them:
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honour thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Zeph. 3:4b

: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

Mt. 5:17

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

Heb.7:12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

Mt. 22:36-40

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

NOTE: The letter of the law kills but the law is perfect, converting the soul.

THE SCHOOLMASTER

*The King had many children,
Like all children, they loved to play,
So He gave them a, "Schoolmaster", {Gal. 3:4}
To guide them in, "The Way". {Jn. 14:6}*

*They were created in His likeness, {Gen. 3:24}
But they weren't just like Him yet! {Rom. 8:29}
That's why it was so important,
To have the guidelines the Schoolmaster set!*

*But some did not understand,
Just what the Schoolmaster was for,
They were violent to the Schoolmaster, {Zeph. 3:4}
Convincing some, they didn't need him anymore.*

*But the law which was their Schoolmaster, {Gal. 3:24}
Would convert their soul, {Ps. 19:7}
And the King wanted the very best for them, {Jer. 29:11}
Spirit, soul, and body made whole! {I Thess. 5:23}*

*Some persuaded others,
The Schoolmaster was too difficult to follow, {Matt. 23:13 & Luke 11:52}
They made the guidelines and the rules,
Too hard for them to swallow! {Lam. 2:14 & Luke 11:46}*

*It was true, their own efforts and works,
Would certainly have to cease, {Heb. 4:10}
Their own righteousness, those, "filthy rags", {Is. 64:6}
They'd completely have to release.*

*The King sent many servants,
To instruct, and to warn them, {Mark 12: 1-9}
Still, the children refused the Schoolmaster,
As the King watched them grow further from Him. {Jer. 9:6}*

*Children, the law of the Lord is still perfect! {Ps. 19:7}
"The commandment is a lamp; and the law is light"! {Prov. 6:23}
"We know that the law is good", {I Tim.1:8}
If a man use it right.*

*"For we know that the law is spiritual", {Rom. 7:14}
And spiritually, we must discern, {I Cor. 2:14}
Lest we think righteousness is something,
Our carnal man can earn. {Gal. 12:21}*

*We're not made perfect by fleshly effort,
But by the, "hearing of faith", instead, {Gal. 3:2&3}
Then, we show our faith by our works. {Js. 2:18}
Because, "faith without works is dead", {Js. 2:26}*

*"All the law is fulfilled in one word", {Gal. 5:14}
In the King's own eyes,
When we love our neighbor, as ourselves,
By letting His love arise!*

*The law was not destroyed, but fulfilled,
By the coming of the Son, {Matt. 5:17}
The Schoolmaster brings us to Him, the fulfillment, {Gal. 5:24}
So that with the Father, we can be one! {Jn. 17:21}*

***"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we
might be justified by faith." {Galatians 3:24 KJV}***

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DIRTY DIAPERS

*Sometimes little children,
Make such a big mess, {Prov. 14:4}
But a good father,
Will love them no less. {II Cor. 12:14 & 15}*

*Some children don't want to be changed, {Prov. 13:1}
They'll resist and they'll scream, {Is. 45:9}
Potty training is hopeless,
Or so it may seem!*

*As the little ones grow up,
They don't always do things just right,
So a father corrects and encourages, {Prov. 13:24 & II Tim. 2:24-26}
With the child's best interest in sight. {II Cor. 13:10 & Eph. 6:4}*

*It is important that the children,
Learn to obey, {I Pet. 1:14}
And that fathers lead by example,
In what they think, do, and say. {I Pet. 5:3}*

*A father soon finds out,
His life is no longer his own, {Jn. 10:11 & Jn. 15:13}
He pours into the children, {II Cor. 12:14 & 15}
And one day, they are grown.*

*A father's love is longsuffering, {I Cor. 13:4}
Always hoping the best, {I Cor. 13:17}
A father prays for his children, {Eph. 6:18}
When they are facing a test.*

*There's a voice crying out, {Luke 1:17 & Mk. 1:3}
Many are hearing a call, {I Cor. 4:15}
For fathers to love the children,
Dirty diapers and all!*

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." {Malachi 4:5&6 KJV}

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MIND

Whose thoughts rule in your mind?

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; II Cor. 10:5

**In a day when the enemy, knowing his days are numbered, has launched an all out attack; it is so very important that our minds are yielded wholly unto the Lord.*

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Isaiah 26:3

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:7-8

**Periodically check your thoughts! Our minds must be stayed upon the Lord. Our minds must be washed by the pure word.*

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; Hebrews 10:16

Satan wants to destroy us: We must not give place to him in our thoughts.

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. II Cor. 11:3

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Ephesians 2:2-3

For to be carnally mined is death; but to be spiritually mined is life and peace. Romans 8:6

*We must not let Satan take advantage of us. We must not be ignorant of his devices. We must check our thoughts and cast down those that do not line up with the Word.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever thing are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:8

A DOUBLE MIND

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Philipians 2:5

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. James 1:8

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. 1Kings 18:21

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. James 4:8

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. Matthew 6:22

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; Hebrews 10:16

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalms 119:105

Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, Ephesians 5:25,26

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; Ephesians 4:23

**His words are life to those that will find them. To find them you will have to look. The door (the word) is open and God is speaking come up higher, that we might serve him with singleness of heart and mind. He wants us to know the certainty of truth. Know why you believe what you believe. We must not be double minded! We must not halt between two opinions.*

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15

**He is the truth! We cannot come into life without truth. There is but one way. There is but one truth!*

I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me. The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. Psalms 119:30, 130

**The Holy Ghost was given to lead us into all truth and righteousness.*

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; (the Word) 1 Peter 1:13

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ, (or the revelation of the Word comes on the Lord's day. v 10) Revelation 1:1,10

**Any place in us that has not been illuminated by the revelation of the Word is still a place of darkness in us that the enemy will find. We must not give him place. Let each one of us be lovers of truth that our minds might be renewed by the washing of the water by the Word of God. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Proverbs 4:20-23

STAY UP THE HANDS

*Moses stood on the hill,
Holding his hands up alone,
Though it had been him,
These people had just wanted to stone. {Ex. 17:4}*

*As long as his hands were raised up,
Israel prevailed, {Ex. 17:11}
But if help had not come,
They would have failed.*

*Because the day seemed long,
And Moses' hands grew heavy, {Ex. 17:12}
So God sent Aaron and Hur,
Now there were three. {Ecc. 4:9-12}*

*See, a 'one man show',
Was never God's plan, {Eph. 4:16}
Each part must function in the body, {I Cor. 12:12-26}
Of His corporate man.*

*There's a war today,
"Zion, let not thine hands be slack!" {Zeph. 3:16}
We must hold each other's hands up, {Is. 35:3 & 4 & Heb. 12:12}
Or God's army will lack.*

*May we hold up our leaders' hands,
Let them know they're not standing alone,
When their knees are feeble,
May we set them on the Stone. {Ex. 17:12 & Is. 28:16}*

*If we see heavy hands
May we be concerned, {Philip. 2:4}
It's time for the children's hearts,
To the fathers, to be turned. {Mal. 4:6}*

"But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun." {Exodus 17:12 KJV}

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WHAT MESSAGE?

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Matthew 24:14

***What is the message of the kingdom?**

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

***Where is the kingdom?**

Neither shall they say, Lo here! Or, lo there! For, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. Luke 17:21

***The priests have shut up the kingdom.**

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: For ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Matthew 23:13

BALANCE

(Balance #7189): to balance, equity (as evenly weighted), i.e. reality.

Thou are weighted in the balances, and art found wanting.
(Dan. 5:27)

- A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is His delight. (Prov. 11:1)
- * Even nature teaches us the importance of balance. We need to have a balanced diet. If we do not maintain balance, our body will become sick. The same is true spiritually. Let us look at God:
 - Behold therefore the goodness and severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. (Romans 11:22)
 - By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.
 - The fear of the LORD is to hate evil (Prov. 8:13a)
 - Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be healthy to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. (Prov. 3:7-8)
 - * He has come that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly. We must attend to the words of the Lord! They are life unto those that will find them and health to all their flesh (Prov 4:20-23). Oftentimes we see a truth and camp on that one truth, for example: by grace are ye saved, baptism in water, baptism in the Holy Ghost, the list goes on and on. But we must understand the importance of continuing on to know Him. Our denominations are often built upon one word we have received revelation of.
 - For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. (1 Cor.13:9-10)
 - Then said I, so I come (in the volume of the book if it is written of me) to do thy will, o God.
 - * In Heppner God has given us an end time word. One day several of us were at a sister's home, when a Word came from the Lord, "Perfect the

message!” Immediately I knew how all of us had heard: “Perfect the end time message”. God shouted in me NO!!! In the volume of the book it is written of me. The door is open. The seal has come off of the words of the book. We must eat the book and let His word arise in us. That we might come into the unity of the faith (faith comes by hearing. Do you have ears to hear what the spirit is saying to the church today?) and into the fullness of Christ.

*As we come through the door, as we let Him arise, every enemy will be scattered. The message is the volume. **In the volume is balance**, therefore those that love the truth, that will press through the Door, will be that priesthood God is bringing forth, to separate the holy from the profane. A priesthood that will have the ability to lift up a church that has departed from truth. To bring health and life to his body, the church. We must contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints. He is the door and God is bringing forth shepherds to lift up the lambs.

- But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. (John 10:2)
 - They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this. (Psalms 22:31)
 - That I might make thee know the **certainty** (**#7189**) of the words of truth. (Prov. 22::21)
- *Let the following scripture be our prayer.*
- “Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.” (Job 31:6)

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GO YE

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*When I first came to the Lord, all I read was the Red. Someone had told me that those things written in red, were the words that Jesus had spoken. So I figured that if Jesus had spoken them, they must be truth. At that time I did not realize that all scripture was given by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. And that it was profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, so that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

*The last words that Christ spoke, before ascending to be with the Father, can be found I Mark 16:15-18. As his disciples, as the church, we must not just be hearers of these important words, but we must do them. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe, In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matthew 28:19

And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. Matthew 22:2-14

**We must work while it is yet day!*

**Church, these words must be established in our hearts. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. We must begin to see with his eyes. His eyes are upon the whole earth. He sees the nations, he sees the cities and he sees me. Isn't that wonderful? He is mindful of an entire world, but He is never too busy for that individual.*

Oh Church! How is the gold become dim, how is the most fine gold changed, the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street. The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter. Even the sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones; the daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness. The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst; the young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them. Lamentations 4:1-4

**We have been given so much. To whom much is given, much is required. We have the resources to reach out cities, to reach our country, to reach the world. Our eyes have been turned inward. Go. Help us to see with your eyes. Help us to hear the cries around us. Help us to forget about those things that so concern us and be about our Fathers business. Forgive us our selfishness. We've been so busy building our own kingdoms, we've forgot to build yours. We've gone to our own ceiled houses, while your has laid waste. We've closed our ears to the cries of the people. Open our ears, open our eyes.*

The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem. For the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her, they have wandered as blind men in the streets, they have polluted themselves with blood, so that men could not touch their garments. Lamentations 4:12-14

**Shaking has come to the body of Christ. Those things that are not of God must be shaken from our lives. His word is a pure word. We have taken his name in vain. We have made the name Christian of no effect, because we have not allowed the Lord to purge us. God forgive us! We have failed to represent your nature. Church, we have found an identity in Christ, but it is time that He is identified in us.*

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-25

**The fruit of the Spirit...the nature of God. We know a tree by the fruit it bears. We are as trees, church. We are to bear his nature. I have been around many ministers, and you always know those that think they are a little more spiritual, a little more mature than you are. Don't tell me how mature you are, if I do not see the nature of my Jesus in your life.*

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. II Peter 3:9

*Repent and be saved. The world needs to hear this message. Church we must turn our eyes to Jesus. We must open our ears to the cries of the peoples of this world. I read some staggering statistics about a year ago. I'm sure these figures have changed considerably since then, as daily the population of our world changes, but they were as follows:

*Four and one half billion people on earth.

*Two and one half billion have never heard an effective witness of the Gospel.

*Six per cent of those that profess to be Christians are active.

*One worker for every four hundred, fifty thousand people who have never heard.

*Fifty thousand die daily, not knowing Jesus. That is three thousand, three hundred thirty three every hour and fifty five every minute.

**Church we must be about our Fathers business!*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

John 3:16-17

Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers: Where are the saints that are supposed to be doing the work of the ministry? The fields are ripe unto harvest. Where are the harvesters? Read Ephesians 4:11

**Judah, I hear you singing, "Send Judah first and the battle will be won." I hear your words; I hear your singing, but are you being sent? Are you going? Read Numbers 10:14 and Judges 20:18*

Preachers, how then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard: and how shall they hear with out a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things. Romans 10:14,15 *Are you going?

**Intercessors, no man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house. Are you praying? Are you hearing the cries?*

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

**Body are you being fitly joined together? Joints are you supplying? Church are you loving?*

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8

**With the power comes a commission. To Be A Witness! At home, in your Country and in all the world. Church, hear the word of the Lord.*

**The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in you. That is Resurrection Power, Church! There is a world out there that is dead in sin. They need life. His words are life. We must let God arise; the enemy of sin and death must be scattered.*

**Church hear what the Spirit is saying to you. Go and tell them while it is yet day. Today is the day of salvation. We must get to the people and tell them whether they want to hear it or not. If they will hear, if they will receive Gods word, they will receive life. His words are life to those that will find them. Cast off the fear of man. Better they reject you than to reject Him. If you have the Holy Ghost, you have the power to witness. Let him arise. You will be able to communicate your faith in Jesus Christ effectively by acknowledging who you are in Christ Jesus. Read Philemon 6*

I once heard a woman say the five most important words in the bible are: **OBEDIENCE, OBEDIENCE, OBEDIENCE, OBEDIENCE, OBEDIENCE**

WHY GO YE

Since being in the ministry full time I have seen the faithfulness of God over and over. In 1985 I went on my very first mission trip to the Philippines. Never dreaming that would be only the first of many trips there and throughout the world.

I'm not a likely candidate to be a missionary. I always disliked Missionary Sunday. Not understanding how any of that had anything to do with me. My thoughts were "Why would anyone travel overseas to tell people about Jesus and spend all that money, when their neighbor needs to hear about Him. For sure that neighbor needs to hear and we need to be faithful to tell him, but why go? There are those that know Jesus in those countries, they should be faithful to tell their neighbor!"

Slowly the Lord began to change my mind. My mind was being renewed by the washing of the word. I came to understand that my life was now His, for his purpose and that the Holy Spirit would lead me into all truth and righteousness. He did not come to testify of himself but of Him that sent him. That truth will make us free. What we have to share with others is the life He gives to us. His words are life to those that will find them.

Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12:32

*God put an adamant in Ezekiel's forehead. As I read in Ezekiel 3, I pondered about the word adamant. I wasn't sure what adamant meant. I ran and got Webster's Dictionary. It said: unbreakable, unyielding, inflexible. Certainly God wants us to have that adamant, that we be not moved from his purpose. That we be not moved from his nature. That happens as we allow the word of God to have power over our flesh. (John 17:2) As the word arises in us, our heads will be lifted and he will find a place to lay his. Then He will draw all men, unto himself. As we let God arise every enemy will be scattered. (Psalm 68)

In Ezekiel 3:4-5 I read:

And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a hard language, but to the house of Israel; Not to many people of a strange speech and of a hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have harkened unto thee.

On my first missionary trip I found the truth in those words. Those of a strange speech, those in other countries will hearken! It is so very important that the word we take is pure lest we bring pollution to the people.

While in Ghana West Africa I, along with a team from the U.S. were sitting in a dining area eating, when a man and two others walked into the room. I was so aware of the presence of the Lord in that mans life. He walked over to me, asking for prayer. I remember thinking that he was the one that should be praying for me. So often I still remember what he asked me, knowing that as yet I've not responded to that cry. He said to me "When you come again, will you come to the fishing villages? I've preached for so long and they won't listen. But they will come just to see your white face and Gods word will not return void." I remember crying and saying to the Lord, if all it takes is a white face then, "Here I am, send me!"

The workers indeed are few. Nature testifies of harvest. I'm very much aware that there is a harvest at the end of the world, but there is always a harvest somewhere today. Some plant and some water, but God is the God of the harvest. We dare not stand in the rice field while fruit is falling from the trees in another field. Let us each one yield to Him and be obedient to go. I am not saying we all have to go to Africa, but I am saying that we need to be willing to go. To go where ever He wants us to go. Not just being a hearer of the Word, but also being a doer. Shouting from the roof tops those things He has given us!

A JOURNEY THAT CHANGED MY LIFE

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MY TRIP OVERSEAS

I grew up in the small Eastern Oregon town of Heppner. Life in Heppner was fairly Simple. Families either lived as farmers or were employed by the mill. Each had a home, kids, a dog, a cat, and a barbecue. Everyone was the same color, nearly had the same values, went to the same school, shopped at the same grocery store, wore the same brand of jeans, and shared the same garbage man. From my home to Elementary, Jr. High, and High School, even until now, life in Heppner remains the same.

My life changed when I was thirteen. I packed my suitcase and boarded a TWA airplane. You see, my mom is a missionary and travels periodically overseas. This particular trip was mandatory for me. My mother demanded that I accompany her to the Philippines. This meant that I had to miss basketball and school for four weeks, and I was very angry to be forced to leave the life routine I was maintaining.

With arms crossed and a headset over my ears we began our flight. We flew for what seemed like days. Then finally, we reached our destination...Manila. As I stepped off the airplane, beads of sweat immediately began falling from my forehead and rolling down my legs. The heat was penetrating my flesh and causing it to swell. I looked on, and my eyes connected with what lie before me. Dirt, black, rags, yells, chaos, smoke, taxis, brown faces. The surroundings began to take over my private space. Suddenly I felt the eyes of them penetrating me. All of me. Children pointing, men jeering. One foot in front of the other I pushed through the crowds. After a few minutes of finagling, we agreed to find our seat in a yellow taxi that read, air conditioning. Moments later the windows were rolled down and so we went, bumper to bumper, through the thick dirty air with hankies covering our mouths to eliminate a portion of the toxins. I felt like I was in a movie, (one something like Jewel of the Nile). The lure of adventure quickly replaced the bad attitude I had carried throughout the flight and now, my eyes were wide. My heart began to race with excitement as I searched to embrace all that was in my view.

I saw life of a different kind. Trikes (a motorcycle with a little cab like thing soldered to the side) scurried through the streets. Jeepneys, (an open sided small bus) displaying fringe, flying colors, and rosary beads. Pigs, chickens, and luggage were tied to the top, and rock music blared from the weak speakers. Poverty lay to the sides of the street. I couldn't count the number of trash boards and boxes held up by on another that dressed the sides of the cement walls, securing a courtyard of wealth within. Disease infested cats and dogs ran through the legs of the pot-bellied children. Old men sat playing dominos, and old women carried pails of water. Some buildings were new- most were old. Lots of billboards were painted with Sony advertisements. Another I saw, read, drug use, death in prison! There weren't any traffic laws, (Or if there were, no one obeyed them). Vehicles drove in any manner they saw fit...lanes weren't a part of this traffic organization. However, horns were. In fact, horns were the means to this traffic jungle.

The taxi left us at the Camelot Hotel in an outlying area called Quezon City. (Our money turned into a lot more money in the Philippines, so we were able to stay at luxurious places, or one that looked luxurious). We found the air conditioning was the same that we had experienced in the taxi. The shower walls were gripped with mildew, and although the beds were boards, we were happy to finally rest. I laid down and slowly let the humid air breath my way to sleep.

Morning came early. The sun shown strong through our window. Chicken, dogs and horns began their ensemble. I cracked my eyelids to see the new day, but one of my eyelids only opened halfway. I placed my fingers over the lid to feel what the hindrance was, and then ran into the bathroom to look in the mirror. My eye was almost swollen shut, and displayed colors of yellow, blue and green. That was my first acquaintance with foreign bugs.

We preceded on to our destination on Philippine Lines, in route to Santa Maria, Ilocos Sur. This meant nine hours north in a bus shared with crowds of people, pigs, and chickens. Though the circumstances were quite disgusting from eye's view, the beauty of life began to sprout up inside of me. I observed the wrinkles in their faces, the sun blotches on their skin. The streaks of burnt red hair highlighting the dark black hair. The light in their eyes and the wide, bright smile that bore their deteriorating teeth. I wanted to know these people, to experience their life, and learn what kept their spirits striving and living. I had so much more that they in material things, yet they possessed so much more within.

Upon arrival, we were greeted with leis made from plastic straws tied together and bent in places to form flowers. Mine was pink and white. They proceeded to sing a song in their dialect (Ilacano) with hands clapping and hips swaying. The children surrounded me, giggling, and pushing one another until finally a brave one would run up and touch my hair, then looked in awe at my red toenails. It was the first time for most of them to ever see light hair and blue eyes.

We stayed with local families from village to village. In one house, lived grandma, grandpa, mom, dad, sister, brother, and many children. Each had a role in the activities of the house. Usually the young girls would wash clothes, the older women would cook. The men and young boys often worked in the small towns or in the mountains cutting brush or laying brick for minimal amounts of money. It was hard work for everyone, yet I saw no grumbling or rebellion. Each person respected the role of the other, and unconditional love held the family together.

Some of the houses were made of dement. Some were native huts made of nepha and bamboo. Nevertheless, all the floors were hard. We slept on a straw mat with a mosquito net curtained around us, and prayed at night for God to keep the geckos and other crawling critters away. Water was sparse so I learned to bathe with one bucket of water.

As far as food...rice and fried whole fish that looked like herring greeted us for breakfast, lunch and dinner. At times we were treated with sweet mangos, and various bananas, and at other times we held our breath to swallow dishes we chose not to have identified.

Each day took us to new villages, near and far, new people sick and poor, roads rough and narrow. We were accepted with open arms. Each family loving and giving. I felt so ashamed at times to be receiving from ones so poor, but I had to accept. For the joy of giving filled their face as we ate and shared together.

We ministered two to three times a day, sometimes in homes, sometimes in a church. In the evenings we held a crusade at the city plaza. It took no time at all to see that from the elders, to the children God reigned in their lives. God wasn't something to be attained. God was in them.

I was forced to come to terms with myself as far as my own belief in God during one particular instance still fresh in my mind. We had traveled by trikes on hard, bumpy, dusty paths for four hours to a village northeast of Santa Maria. We had some difficulties along the way; flat tires, dust build-up around the eyes, nose, and well, everywhere dust could go! As well as... creek crossings where we had to pull up our long skirts and walk across the murky water. However, these small challenges were insignificant compared to what we would soon be faced with. We had been asked to come to this village to pray for a certain man, and with that information we conceded and were on our way. Pastor Lagmay directed us to an area to the side of the barrio's center and there I saw *the man*.

This man was chained to a tree like a dog. His eyes wondered, his mouth awry with froth, his feet and hands were deformed in a way that they cupped back to the limb, and he mumbled. He was like an animal. Okay, I thought, get a grip, what will we do? My mom and I glanced at each other; Pastor Lagmay and Pastor Delgado did the like. We were all aware that in and of ourselves we could do nothing, but we had to pray.

My palms were sweating, my soul fixed and my spirit searching. I had read a story in the Bible that told of a man demon possessed and how Jesus spoke for the demons to leave. And so therefore I prayed, and so we all did, for three hours. (I know this may seem strange and unbelievable to you- actually it was very strange, and seemingly unbelievable). This man's face changed colors, from paleness to blue, to gray, as though he was being choked. His voice would yell and scream in loud high pitches, then soften to conversations with himself. Saliva leaked form his mouth, his body twisted and turned, and I tried to stay focused. I had to believe for God to deliver this man.

I can't explain how any of this happened except to say that the demon left and there remained the man, but this time a different man. His deformities stretched out to created normal hands, normal feet, and a normal mouth. His persona changed to that of a peaceful, alert, and functional person. I could sense that the evil had left. There was peace. We all stood there in bewilderment, knowing that what we had just experienced

was a miracle. This man was made completely whole. He joined us at the crusade for the entire week in Santa Maria, testifying of his deliverance.

Yes it was at that moment that I realized there really was a God, something called faith- and something, too, called evil. The scenes that my eyes witnessed drove into my heart. And it is in my heart, that God continues to work.

Departure date did soon arrive, and it was time to say good-bye. I knew that it wouldn't be the last time that I would see these beautiful brown faces. I would be back. But first, I would carry these experiences to my hometown of Heppner.

I returned to school and gave a report on my trip. I watched the faces of my peers as I spoke of the Philippines. My words weren't penetrating passed the walls of their skin. They had no idea what I had experienced, and there was no way to communicate it to them.

I knew I had changed. A change that I believe happens when one's life is exposed to a life- unlike their own. My experience in the Philippines led me to venture to other peoples, other lands. I learned the wealth of knowledge gained by looking into another one's face, washing clothes together in the river, or sharing coconut milk freshly captured from a tall tree on a hot day. These are the things that changed this small town girl.

Now, when the turmoil of the daily grind begins to clutter my mind and invade my inner peace, and the struggle to succeed in material ways steps in front of my joy, I take a deep breath and let myself fall back. I search within, remembering what life is really about. What is important, and what is superficial.

My address is in the small town of Heppner. My views are from my acquaintance with the people of other lands. This, I am thankful for.