

Keeping In Touch

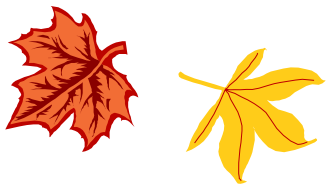
... whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; **Philippians 1:27**



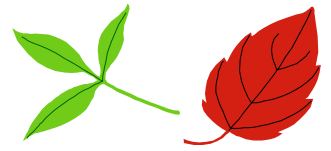
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Dear Readers,

September 11, 2005

Welcome to another Keeping In Touch bulletin. We have been blessed by the “harvest” of young people we have had, not only helping here on the farm, but also working on the bulletin (thank you, Miss Katie Sigwarth!). All the articles and testimonies we have been able to publish about Martin, Kveta, Oliver, Melissa, and Katie have been wonderful. These young people have been a blessing and inspiration to us and we will miss them all!

It is always exciting to see all that we are preparing for this bulletin - we have three pertinent words for this hour that we believe will challenge you in the Lord. Two of the words are by Brother Burt Asbill and were ministered in Dubuque earlier this summer. The other was ministered by Brother Peter Schneider and will certainly bless you. We also have several articles written by bulletin staffers and an encouraging study by Sister Terry Smith. We also want to take the opportunity to welcome several new arrivals, so be sure to check out the baby announcements!

Also, we would love to hear from you as to how you are enjoying our new bulletin layout. It is always encouraging to hear from our readers! If you still haven't received one of our cookbooks, let us know. If you would like one, you can buy it at the Mahomet, IL, or Schuyler, NE, fellowships for \$10 or we can ship it directly to you for an additional \$2. Just let us know by letter or email - or see a bulletin staffer at church. All correspondence can be sent to:



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Many Thanks!

The Keeping In Touch Bulletin staffers would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Brother Gordon Gerber (and his wife!) for all of the additional work and tribulation that he experienced in learning the process of printing our new format! It was a challenge, to say the least! There were about a dozen new variables that we introduced to him when we changed from the old booklet format to the new magazine size format. Each one presented another hurdle – especially when we were trying to work through the difficulties over the phone! After much perseverance, Brother Gordon was successful in printing our initial run of the new look, and we are so pleased with the outcome! We want him to know that we are grateful that he has come alongside us in the change and has produced such a blessing for so many of the brethren! Thank you – you are appreciated by us all! ☘

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

Isaiah 61:3

YOUR PROBLEM IS YOU!



Brother Burt Asbil I
Dubuque, Iowa
June 18th, 2005



Praise the Lord. It is good to see all of you. Amen? I think that we are living in an exciting time. I think that if we can grasp hold of the revelation of God concerning His sons, I believe we will give the devil a run for his money.

No "amens" there? Maybe you're not interested in giving the devil a run for his money, but I want to make the devil run for everything, especially away from me. Amen. I think the devil has overshadowed us, he has intimidated us, he has motivated us, and he has kept us in the dark long enough. I think it is time for the sons of God to arise.

This evening as I walked in, the song that came to me was, "Not my will but Thine be done, that the fullness of the Son might dwell within this heart that I have offered Thee." The key to this thought of sonship is in the offering that you bring to God with regard to that position, your thought of pre-eminence and personal preference as to the place that you are in and the humanity that you have. The key is how much of that you are willing to offer. Some of us want to be sons of man more than we want to be sons of God. I shouldn't say some of us, because I think that's all of us to some degree or another. The degree that we have with that position may vary from person to person, but when it comes down to the nitty-gritty, it is our personal humanity that is the basis of all of our problems. Oh, you already knew that revelation,


right? You've already overcome that propensity, right? You thought it was the devil. You thought that it was all the devil's fault, didn't you? Well, guess what? The devil has absolutely no power over you or me other than the power that we give him. Come on! Hallelujah. We sometimes think that the devil is so insurmountable, so unconquerable and so absolutely in a place of entrenchment, hello? Maybe I'm talking to the wrong crowd. I must be talking to the wrong group of people. You probably have


a grip on all of this thought of overcoming. You probably have arrived at a position of knowledge and strength and revelation. The devil isn't your problem. Your problem is you! The truth is that God hasn't just given me power over the devil. God has given me power over me! At least for your sake, I would think you would all be saying to me, "Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! When are we going to finally get it all together!" Brethren, come on!


I'm telling you, there is something that God is pouring out in the church upon His people that is something other than head knowledge. There is something of a revelation. There is


something of an understanding. If you and I can get a hold of it, it will put the devil into bankruptcy. Hallelujah. It will put him into bankruptcy, make him insolvent, powerless, absolutely, totally helpless. The fact is that he is not your problem. Your problem is you and God has given


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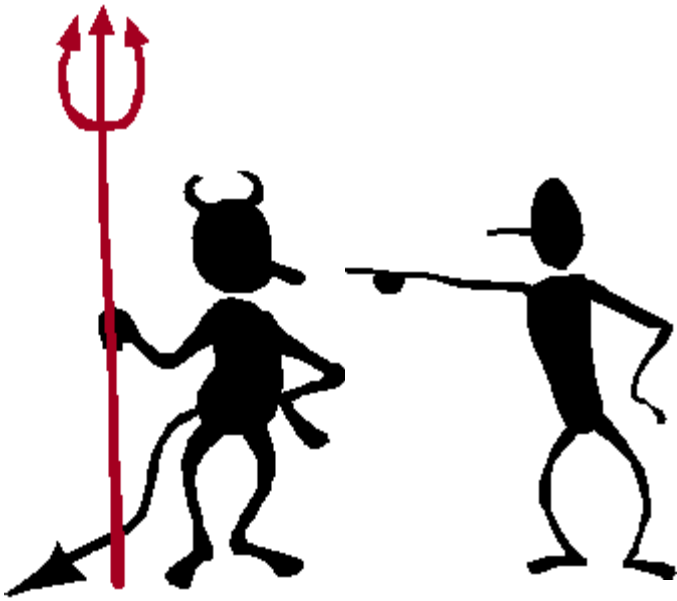
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you the ability to overcome YOU! It's not your husband. It's not your wife. It's not your daughter. It's not your son. It's not your sister. It's not your brother. It's not the community of the church. None of those things are your problem. Your problem is you! Hallelujah. Guess what? The devil wants you to blame him. Did you know that? The devil wants you to put all the blame on him. He wants you to think how mean and bad he is, how tough and nasty that he can be, HE WANTS YOU TO BLAME HIM. So all the time you say, "I rebuke you, devil. I rebuke you. Get behind me Satan. I rebuke you," when all of the time you should be exerting your authority in the Spirit over YOU! Oh yes! Oh yes, yes, yes, yes. You should be pleading the Blood, coming before the throne of God with prayer and supplication, working to achieve that place of repentance. What I am finding out is that the church does not like repentance. The church does not like repentance because most of the church is under the dominion of self and, unfortunately, is serving Satan. Somehow or another the devil got into the business of being God. Ironic, isn't it? The lie was, "Ye shall be as gods," but he winds up in the place of exaltation.

It may not seem like it to you, but I am preaching to you out of John chapter 14. As I was driving over here today, I had the CD going and was listening to the Gospel of John. There was something that struck me, and it parallels what Jesus was telling his disciples in John chapter 14. He said, "I have to go. It is expedient for Me to go, because if I don't go, you're not going to grow. You're going to start stagnating. You are going to stay looking up to Me in this natural realm, and there's something more that you have to do. There is a higher place that I want you to have." He said in another place, "All of these things that I have done." Come on, brethren. "All of these things that I have done, greater works shall you do" (John 14:12). Now, Jesus was either a liar, or He was telling the truth

and He must have been talking about you and me, because it is unto the church and unto those who desire to be in the place that God wants them to be. Turn with me to Genesis chapter 1. You can just put your little marker right there in John chapter 14 because we will be coming back to that place. Hallelujah.

Genesis chapter 1. Isn't it lovely? You think, "I knew he was going to preach out of Genesis chapter 1." I say, "How did you know that?" It is because that's all I have been preaching for the last seven months. Genesis chapter 1. I can't get out of chapter 1. When I got saved I couldn't get out of Romans or Proverbs. Now I can't get out of Genesis. It has taken me 38 years to get back to the beginning. Hallelujah. Why? Because He wanted me back at the beginning to understand that in the beginning it was all said and done! We're looking for new revelation. We're looking for new understanding. We're searching, searching, searching, searching, searching, searching, like the silly women of Paul's epistle, having itching ears. We have our little concordance out and we're going through our word studies, looking at all of these different words trying to get some sort of revelation, when all of the time it's right there in Genesis chapter 1, verse 26! You could just erase the rest of the Bible, or you could just say that the rest of the Bible defines and describes what He said in Genesis chapter 1, verse 26. Hallelujah. It's all right there. Hallelujah.

Genesis 1:26 says, *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.* Let us make man in our image, okay, but He didn't stop there, he also said *AND our likeness.* Just because man has gotten himself stuck in the man thing does not mean that man arrived at the intention of God. He didn't want something that was just a tripart being: spirit, soul and body, it wasn't enough. He wanted someone who was like HIM. Furthermore, all of the Old and the New Testament goes into the mechanics of how that thing is done, what the position is and what are the requirements. In John chapter 14 He says, "I'm going to send to you the Spirit of truth." What we want to learn about is baseball or football, how to be a mechanic or how to be a lawyer, how to do this or how to do that, how to be involved in life, how to be a wife, how to be a husband, how to be a member of the congregation. We want to learn all of these things that are just a means to an end. How many of you know that God never desired to have church? How many of you know that? God never desired to have church. God wanted sons from the very beginning, and man put the definition of the terminology on it and made it something other than what it was supposed to be. We are guilty! We are guilty for not perceiving and understanding the intent of God in the very beginning. There was something that was in the heart of God concerning wanting sons. It is hard for me to perceive that God has need of anything, but yet there was this desire that He had to make a corpo-

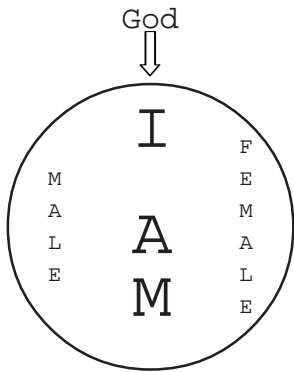


Figure 1

rate Son. I'm asking Him a question and I'm hoping He's going to tell me one day. "Did You have a need? What was it that motivated You to do what You did?" I can't comprehend God needing anything, and yet there was something in Him that He expressed in a little sentence and He said, "Let us make man in Our image and in Our likeness." Then He gave him, man, the commandment

to go and have dominion and to bring what the Father had created into a place of subjection.

You know, the devil has lied to you and me for seven thousand years. The devil has lied to us in trying to convince us that we are powerless against him and that he is in total and complete command of our situation. It's a lie out of the pit of hell! Some of you are dealing with anger, some of you are dealing with frustration or depression, some of you are dealing with a spirit of defeat, some of you are dealing with a spirit of bitterness and resentment and all kinds of things. You spend all of your time fasting, (if you fast), and warring against it, coming against the devil, rebuking the devil, rebuking that thing out of the pit of hell. That's all well and good. I am not saying that that doesn't work in its own right, in its own place, but I'm telling you, there is something in you that you need to bring to the altar!

When I grew up, when I became a Christian, we didn't just recite the four spiritual laws. We had to tarry at the altar. We had to repent. Repent! You know what? When I repented, I didn't have to have someone rehearsing for me what I had to repent of. I knew I was a sinner. I knew I was a drunkard. I knew I was addicted to this and addicted to that and I knew that I was participating in things that were not right. I knew that I was using my mind in a wrongful way. My eyes were doing things they had no business doing. My ears were doing something that they had no business doing! Nobody had to tell me I was a sinner! We, as a whole, are about the most non-responsive group of people that I have ever met in Christendom! While you sit in a congregation, the Word of God comes, the anointing is flowing, the spirit of conviction is here and everyone sits like they are glued in their seats! Something is wrong! Hallelujah!

There is something of a Word that is coming forth in the church! We heard the Word in the Jamaica Convention. How long ago was Jamaica? Was it a year already? My goodness. One year gone. One year lost, in some cases, brother. One year lost and some of us are not further along in the things that pertain to the desire that God

has for humanity. We're piddling around in our humanity, still doing all of the humanic things. We are wasting our time! We are wasting our energy, wasting our money, being frustrated, being disappointed, being angry, being put down, harassed and oppressed. We are supposed to rule the world. Hello! Maybe I got the sons of God message wrong. You girls are supposed to be saviors! That means reaching out into the environment of hell and bringing it into a place of subjection! Not only externally, but internally. Reaching down into the very pit of your darkness, bringing forth the revelation of the image and the desire of God in the fact of His likeness moving in the confines of your and my soul!

Quite frankly, I think we're like Israel that's gathered around out in front of the host of the Philistines. And that mighty giant comes walking out there defying the sons of God. Where are the Davids!? Where are the Davids? Do you know something? I have an advocate with the Father. Did you know that? Did you know that you have an advocate with the Father? How many times do you use Him? How many appointments have you made in the last 24 hours? What kinds of things have you brought to Him concerning your position of humanity that is usurping the anointing, the unction of God? My goodness. You know these little girls up here in this front row? They have authority if they have a knowledge, if they have an awareness, if they have the Blood of Jesus Christ, if they have the Holy Ghost, they have an authority! They have an authority to overcome every principality and every power! Especially on the basis of what the Word says. Who does it say is going to lead who into the Kingdom of God? Who is going to do it? A child shall lead them into the Kingdom of God (Isaiah 11:6)! A child? He can't even find his way around in the house after dark! Why? Why is it that we have programmed our children in a manner, in a fashion that is not consistent with the scriptural premise of sonship and the element of God that is in the Word? Why is it that we've done that? We need to repent!

Listen to me, brethren. If God wants to produce God, then it is really God's business. Look at this. I will draw you a very simple diagram; you've seen it before and will probably see it again. **(Figure 1)** God - the I AM. Male. Female. He spoke a Word. I love it! He spoke a Word. That's all He did. He spoke a Word, can you imagine that? And something was created! Something was created in the Word that He spoke! Hallelujah. The Bible calls it logos. Out of God issued the

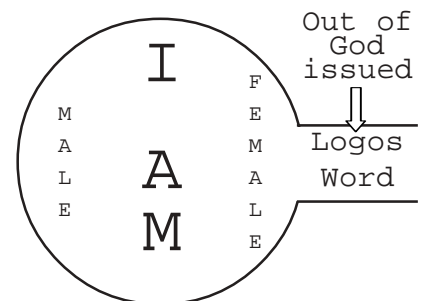


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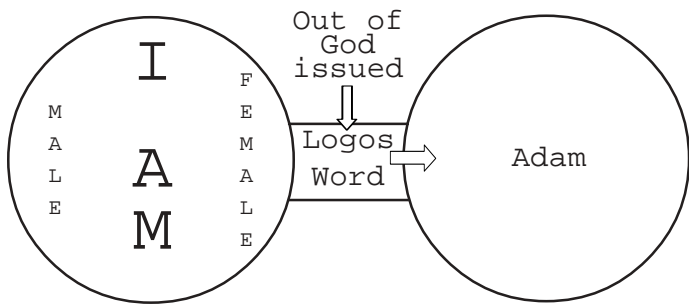


Figure 3

logos. **(Figure 2)** Oh my! I love it! Maybe I'm the only that's having a good time tonight? I love it. He spoke a Word. *In the beginning*, John 1:1. In the beginning was what? The Word. What does it say? *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.* Isn't that what it says? *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* God issued out of Himself something that is called logos. Hallelujah. Out of God came logos and that logos created an entity of life that He called Adam. **(Figure 3)** My goodness. He called it Adam. "Oh yeah, Adam, I remember Adam. He was the first man that God created." He was more than that. He was a created entity that was a manifestation of the Word that was in God that God issued out of Himself.

It is that same Word that you and I have had the privilege of hearing. We have had a privilege of hearing some of the anointed unction, the anointed logos, hallelujah, as it was taken out of the insides of God through the administration of the ministry. That Word went forth and it went into our sod, into our earth, down into the bowels of hell, hallelujah, and something was created that was eternal! I get excited about that! It's not Burt anymore, you understand? Burt had nothing to do with it. Burt's an incubator. That's all Burt is. Inside of Burt, God is incubating! Hallelujah! Something of God is coming forth. Something of God is percolating down there inside of Burt! Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

He was male. **(Figure 4)** He was female. He, man, was created in His image! By a Word! Word! Word! Word! Word! Word! Word! A Word! Go to John 17:14. He says, *I have given them...* What? *...thy word.* You know what that Word did? It made them other-worldliness. Did you hear me? It made them something other than human! What you have in you is not something that is human, it is gold, it is God. Now, you may bury it under a lot of dirt. You may bury it under a lot of trash and a lot of garbage, but I'm telling you something, your garbage and your dirt does not defile that which God has put into

you! What God has placed in you has the ability of moving out into the midst of that garbage dump and beginning a purification, a purging process, a process of sanctification. That is, if you will just stop believing the lie that he, the devil, is the problem and not you.

He said, "Not good" (Genesis 2:18). You know, man being alone is the only thing He said wasn't good. Did you know that? He said, "Not good." It was not good for man to stay in this condition. Not good for man to be encapsulated in this position, in this place. That is the only place that God ever said anything He created was NOT good! And it wasn't not good in the sense of it being bad. It was not good in the sense that it couldn't do what it needed to do when it had to do, and what it was designed to do in the present state, in the present form, in the present fashion.

Come on, brethren. Get a hold of the Word! Get a hold of the Word, sister, inside of you! It's there percolating. It has the ability to liberate your soul! It has the ability to tear down kingdoms of hell and principalities and powers! Get a hold of the Word, sister! Come on, brethren.

He said, "Not good," so what did He do? He took man out of his personal environment and put him into a corporate environment. **(Figure 5)** Hallelujah. Oh, praise the Lord. He took woman out. Come on! Mother. Mother! Mother! Mother! Mother! Mothers in Israel,

come on! If there are no mothers, there is no church! There's no church! No deliverance! No healing! No moving of the Holy Ghost, no Sons!

It takes the overshadowing of the male or the father. Hallelujah. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah. It takes the overshadowing of the father, **(Figure 6)** hallelujah. I want to tell you something, did you know there was no overshadowing of a natural father in this situation in the beginning? There was divine intervention. That means that if one of the other partners is not functioning or moving in the man-

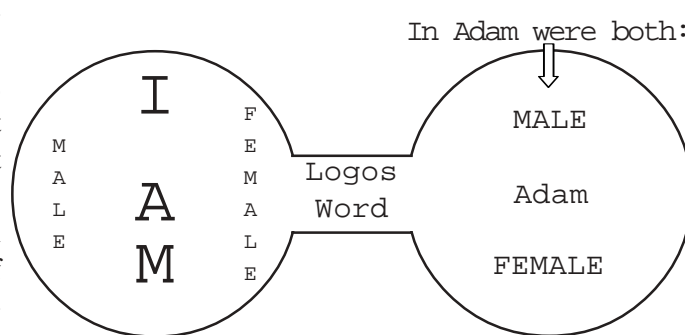


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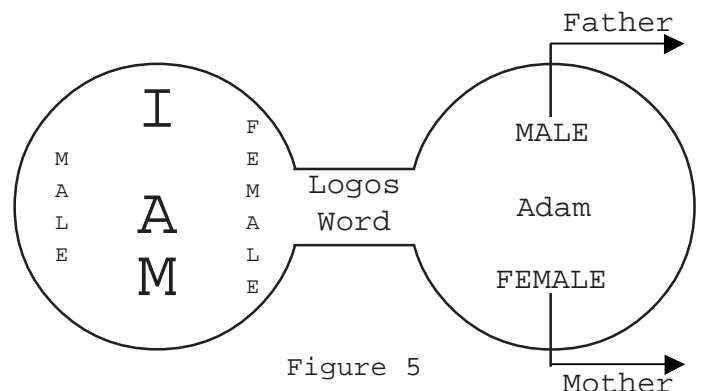


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ner or fashion that they are supposed to move in, God can, on your position of obedience to His Word, and on the position of your place of strength and integrity before Him, move forth in a manner or fashion to do what He needs

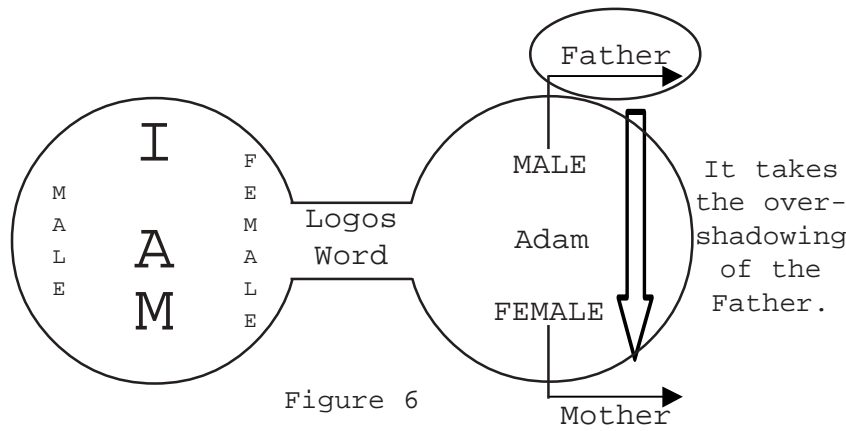


Figure 6

to do, not only in you but in those around you. We want to blame it on each other. We want to say, "If he would do what he's supposed to do, then I could do what I'm supposed to do." And he is saying, "If she would do what she's supposed to do, then I could do what I'm supposed to do." Do you want to know what it all boils down to? It involves, what do they call it? Introverting, introverting yourselves. Introversion. (Figure 7) You begin to focus

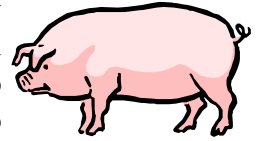
on you. You become the epitome of everything in your world because things aren't going like you expected, because you have something of a different thought, a different idea of how it should go. Hallelujah. You know

what they used to tell me in the service? They said, "Yours is not to reason why. Yours is but to do and die." You're U.S. property. You are government bought. You are government owned. Hallelujah. You have no rights. You have no position of affiliation. You have no personal preference. I've been thinking a lot about my Army career. Hallelujah.

Out of this introversion into our carnal, natural environment, we birth something, we create something. It's called, "POOR ME!" POOR ME! Oh yes! "Oh Poor Me" up here against "Oh Poor Me" down here. And what have we got? We've got a vying for the right of indi-

viduality. We are vying for a position or a place of self-sufficiency and self-existence! (Figure 8) "Recognize my rights as an individual, treat me like you should treat me, do with me as you should do with me and I'll be happy!" Is this the wrong place? Am I preaching to the

wrong people? Is this the wrong Word? This diagram looks like a football strategy, doesn't it? You're the pigskin! Do I hear any oinks? Oink! Oink! Like a pig? You know what? We're not supposed to be pigs, brother. We're supposed to be sheep. We're supposed to have a cloven hoof as well as chew a cud. He chews and eats and grinds it up and he



digests it and brings it down to that stomach, works on it, kicks it back up again, and he works on it some more! And it goes back down and it comes up again. He begins to chew on it a little more, chew on it a little more,

then it goes down again and comes back again! That's called regeneration! That's called resurrection!

We're all waiting for some sort of magic wand. We're busy with life. We're busy with our personalities. We're busy with our troubles. We don't want deliverance! We want to be miserable. Oh yes. We want to be miserable. We go around looking for people who will commiserate with our misery. Of course, you're not guilty of that, right?

You don't go looking around for friends that have a little sympathy, a little of your self-interest at heart, a little understanding about your situation, and how you're so neglected, mistreated, abused, pushed around, put

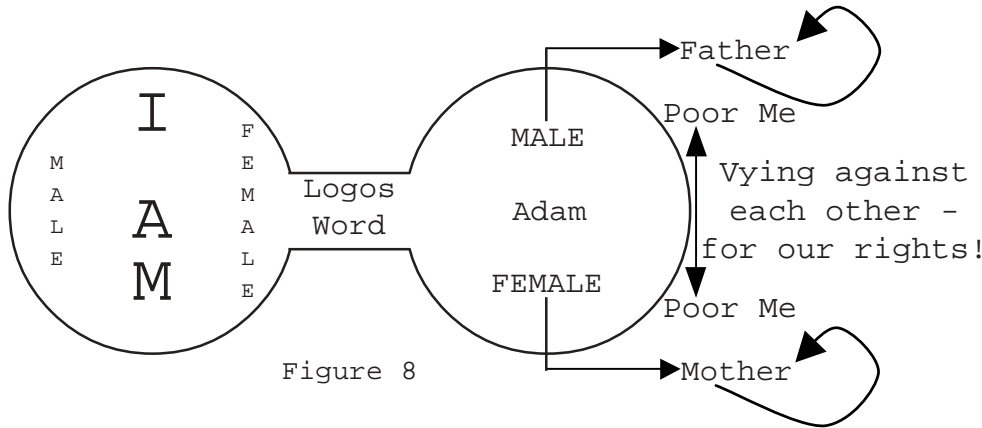


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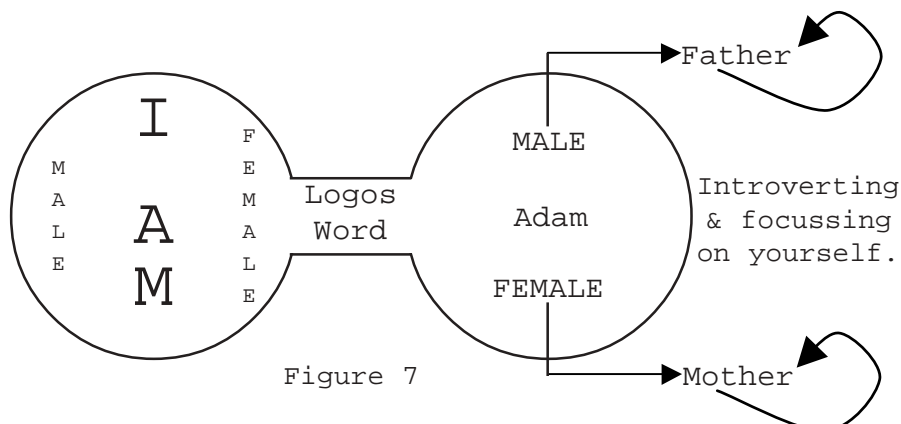


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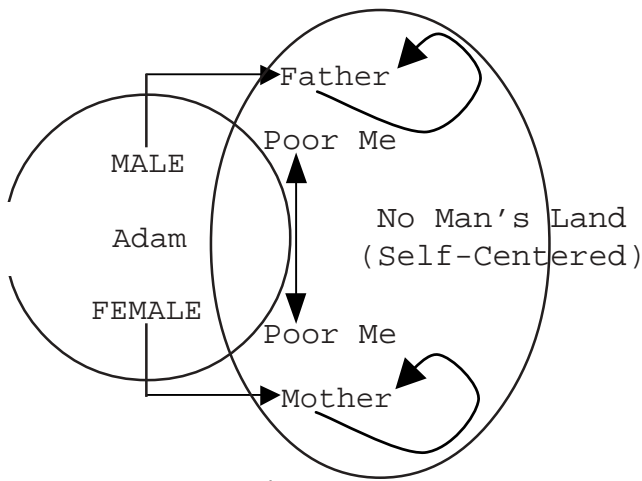


Figure 9

down, maligned, lied about and kicked on. Come on! Where is the original intent? Where is the original life? We got wrapped up in Christianity's No Man's Land. (Figure 9) Except for that it is every man's land. Self-centered. Self-orientated. Government by Burt Asbill, for Burt Asbill, for the benefit and for the pleasure of Burt Asbill. In that kind of government, if you move against Burt Asbill, who is going to rise up? Burt Asbill. And he's going to demand his rights! Oh my! Rights! Rights! Rights! Rights! Here we go. Oh yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. MY RIGHTS! (Figure 10) We the people, of the United States, have certain inalienable rights. Am I still in the States? Sometimes I kind of get the States confused with some place else that is called hell! My rights! My rights! I could put it scripturally for you. Would you like that? Okay, I'll do that. You just thought I was preaching Burt Asbill. It is called, "I will." Have you ever heard of the "I will" gospel? It has the "I will" doctrine as its manifesto. I will ascend, I will overshadow, I will overpower, I will be exalted, I will have dominion, I will, I will, I will. We have the "I will" gospel, "I will" doctrine, the I will of the "I wills." The problem is, brethren, we're a whole lot further along on the time schedule. Do you hear me? Down here it was year one and over here it is approaching the finishing line.

The theology that we have, "Ye shall be as gods and not sons." That's your problem! That's your problem. It is still the lie that was perpetrated seven thousand years ago. "Oh, there's a way to obtain the objective so that you don't have to die." It's the "Never Die Doctrine," you

know. Sons of God, only it's the sons of God in the wrong way, the wrong manner. It's like a guy used to tell me all the time, "You know, Burt, if you lie, you go to heaven upside down." You don't go to heaven, you go to hell! That was the original intent, that was the original story, don't you know? Don't you read your Bibles? Haven't you gone back to Genesis 1? Genesis 2, Genesis 3? "God knows you won't die." Hello? What do you think the devil tells you in your position, your place of rebellion against your set of circumstances? "Oh, it's all right. It's a world of give and take. You have to take a little bit, but they've got to give! They've got to give!" That has nothing to do with Christianity. Hello? That has everything to do with the doctrine that comes out of the pit of hell. This is the doctrine that comes out of the pit of hell, brethren! It is one of the articles of our Christian Constitution. We don't believe we have to die. We think that we can get to heaven. Oh, that's just all I want to do, right? I just want to slide in the door. I want to get my foot into the glory land. I want to have the pleasure of everlasting life. I

don't have to do all of this other stuff. Well, that may be well and true and it may be that you get yourself into heaven, but I want to tell you, when you stand before God, it's going to be, "Would of, could of, should of and didn't." I am more afraid of standing before God than anything else in this world or the one to come. There is nothing in this world that is dearer to me that will keep me from having my right relationships so that I can stand before God! I want to hear, "Well done. You did everything that you possibly could. You expended yourself 100 percent. 100 percent! ONE TOTAL HUNDRED PERCENT. Come on in!" I want to be a son. I do not want to be a servant. I don't really want to be a slave. I have to be a slave and a servant in order to be a friend, so that I might become a son. I want to live out my position of servanthood and slavehood right now.

This is our doctrine of self-focus. I am telling you, this is

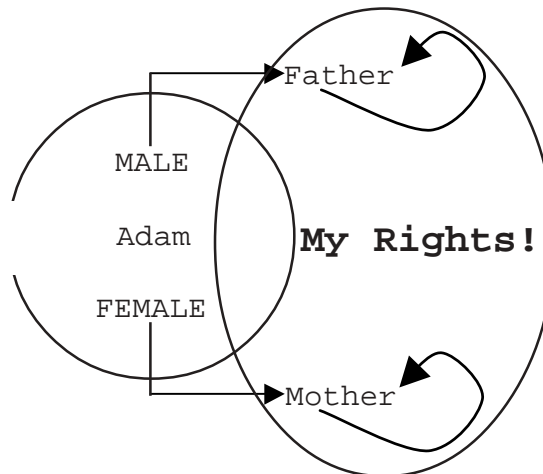


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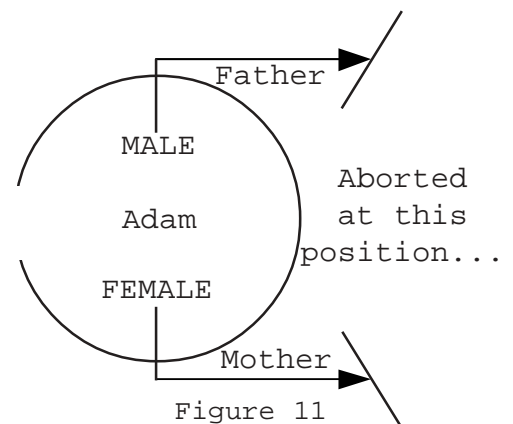
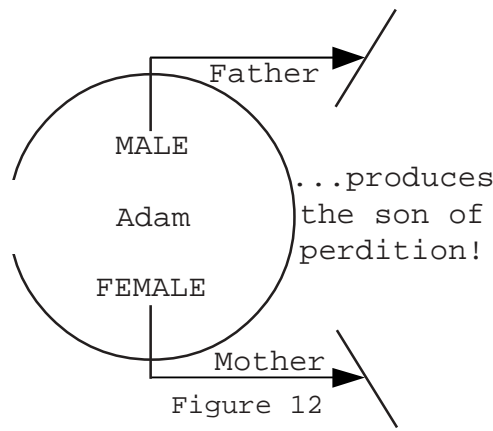


Figure 11

our doctrine! It has the religious stamp of sonship all over it. Well, it is sonship all right. But you know, any relationship that is aborted in this position (**Figure 11**), becomes something other than what it was intended to be by God in the very beginning. Does anybody know what it is? Anybody have any idea? I'll tell you what. It produces something. Does anybody know what it produces? Does anybody know what the "I will" doctrine produces? It produces what



is called the son of perdition. (**Figure 12**) You're your own worst enemy, did you know that? It's not your brother, it's not your sister, it's not your fellowship, it's not your mother, father or your siblings, it's not your family, not this, not that. **YOU ARE YOUR OWN WORST ENEMY!** Because you and I refuse to recognize the situation and repent! It can be taken care of. Did you know that it can be taken care of? It can be taken care of by the very simple fact of a broken and contrite heart is what? It is an offering that is not despised. Psalm 51:17, *...a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.* We're too proud! We're too proud! We say, "Oh



no! Say I'm sorry? Are you kidding me? That means I was wrong! That means I give her what she wants! I can't do that!" Back out there in California, a long time ago, this young man came to me and I was trying to

counsel him on how he should be as a Christian husband, and what consideration and sensitivity he should be giving his wife. Do you know what he said? You probably couldn't even begin to guess what he said to me. He said, "But, Brother Burt! I don't want to create a monster! I have to remain in control! I have to be predominant!" Yes, you do! In the Spirit! In the Spirit, but not in the flesh. Not in the natural! **Manipulation!** Of course,

(at the conference) and explain it to me. Hallelujah. Two roads. Two roads, and two roads only.

Son of Heaven Son of Hell

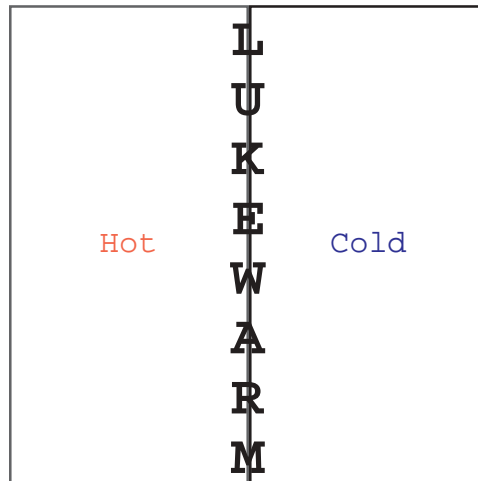


Figure 13

Up! Up - for God is down! God doesn't think like we think. And this is the cold realm. And He said you are what? Lukewarm. Lukewarm. Lukewarm! And that's a little mixture there, right? Little mixture there. Middle ground. Little compromise. Little position of give and take. A little of sitting on the fence a little bit. God says it's worthless, it's useless, it's no good, it's an abomination to me. I spew you out of my mouth! That's what lukewarm does for you. Lukewarm. Lukewarm. Lukewarm is not an acceptable position. Now, what is acceptable is if you are moving from point A to point Z and you're changing colors along the way. You go from dark to light. (**Figure 14**)

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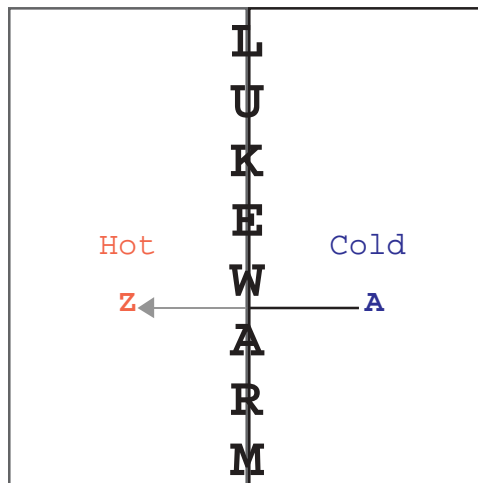


Figure 14

we're not guilty of manipulation, are we? No, probably not!

There are only two roads. Two roads! Two roads! Two roads! No middle ground. No middle fence. No place in the middle that's safe. Come on! No middle ground. No middle ground. It's either here, heaven, or there, hell. Come on. Come on. Come on. Maybe my theology is all cock-eyed. Maybe I got it wrong. Well, if I got it wrong, you all come over on the fourth of July

This is hell. (**Figure 13**) And this is heaven. Okay, both have an objective which is called son. No middle ground. Want to know the scripture for that? Revelation 3:15. What does it say? I would that you were what? I would that you were hot or cold. Hot. That's the hot land (heaven). That's the hot place. We thought it was the other one, didn't we? You know, you don't think like God. You have to think like God. God thinks differently than what you and I think. His up is down! Right? He said, "Get up! Get up! Get up! Get up, Zion!" "Thou fool. Don't you know that unless you fall down in the ground and die you abide alone (John 12:24)?"

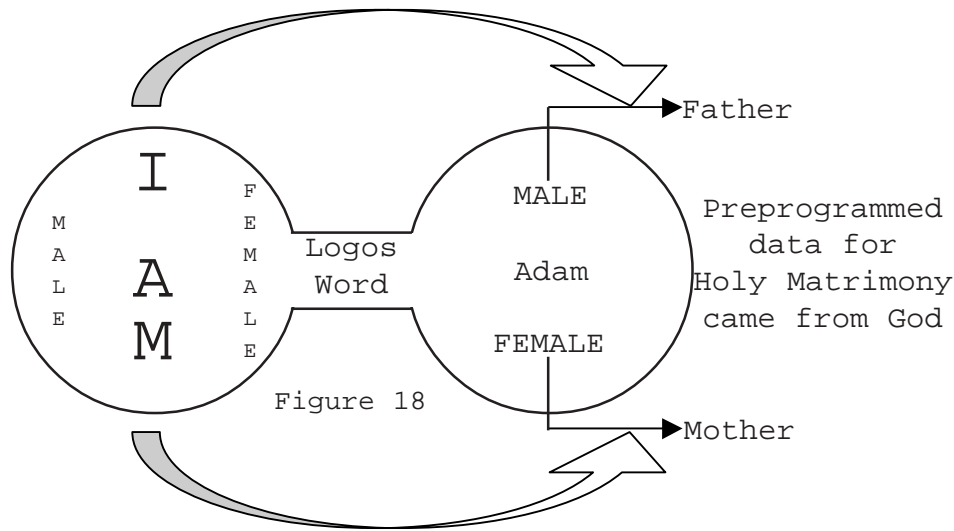
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There's no middle ground! If this process is aborted, if it's aborted, then

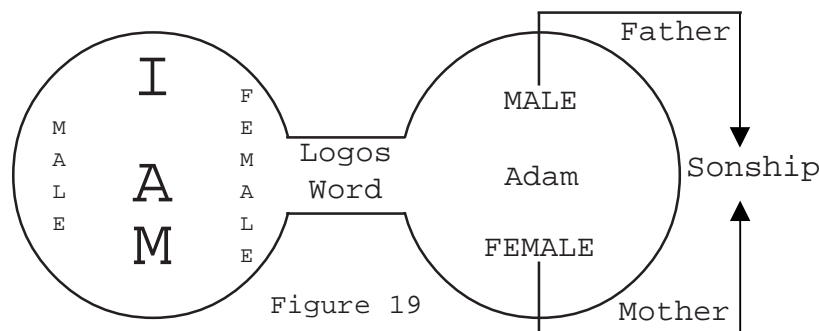
wouldn't do what they were supposed to do! And I would sit there and just kind of scratch my head. You know, I didn't know what a computer was! Come on! When my car gave me trouble I kicked it! Hallelujah. But you know what? I overcame

it. Little by little. Little by little. Piece by piece! You know, we are a lot like that with regard to the situation we are involved in, in the mechanics of what God created. Do you know God said, "This is good?" How dare any of you call it bad? How dare any of you call it trouble? How dare any of you call it tribulation? How dare any of you to be dissatisfied with something God put together for the purpose of bringing forth the revelation and the unveiling of something that He desired from the very beginning? How dare you and I defile it? God put it together. God created it. He programmed it and we only need to submit to the programming. You don't even have to be the operator. It's user friendly because God gives you what He calls the key, in the aspect of what He calls the Holy Ghost. See, I did get back to chapter 14 of John.

It says the Holy Ghost is going to lead you into all truth. All truth! Oh yeah. I want revelation. Don't you want revelation, Brother Tom? Oh yes! Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes! That revelation of the end time! One hundred forty-four thousand. Do you know that that means one is this and four is this and four is that, and zero, zero, zero - zero is this and zero, zero, zero is this. Oh. look at this revelation! Look at this understanding! Oh yes, look at this Greek word! We'll just break it down into all of these little dinky, dinky, dinky-dinkies. Greek words! And this Greek word means that Greek word, and this Greek word means that Greek word and pretty soon it's just all Greek to me! And you know what? I can't even talk English right! I go over to the Czech and they make these little noises and these little sounds, and my tongue is always colliding with my teeth. No matter how they try, I'm riding in the back of the car and I see a word and I say,



glad I'm computer illiterate. I'm humanic illiterate. He says He's going to use those foolish things to confound the wisdom of the wise of this world. (I Corinthians 1:27) The foolish things! "Oh, they'll never make it. They'll never make it! Oh no, they'll never make it! No, no, no, no, no. Never, never, never, never! Never make it! Oh, they're in trouble! Oh, my goodness. They're in trouble! Never going to make it!" Come on! What does it say for God's plan? What does it say for God's programming? What does it say for God's intent? What does it say for God's desire? Oh yes. Oh yeah. "They're having this kind of trouble and they're having that kind of trouble." I'm talking about conversations that go on in the bedroom about individuals in the Body! "Oh, he is a lost cause! Wipe him off!" "Hopeless. Totally hopeless! Hopeless, hopeless, hopeless! There's no hope!" Thank God you aren't Jesus! Thank God you are not Jesus, because this is one hopeless case right here (referring to himself). This is one hopeless case. I know the appetites. I know the things I have to deal with. I know the lack of diligence, the lack of perseverance. I know the negative attitudes that I've had. I know all of those things that are totally, absolutely, pitifully hopeless! No degree of success at all! Hopeless! You would have written me off, maybe some of you have, you would have written me off a long time ago. But somehow, somehow, God just keeps bringing me back to life. Just keeps blowing into my soul. Phew! Something's revitalized. Something regenerates! Something moves!



Something rises up! Something begins to take its position of pre-eminence and predominance over the fact of what God made in the midst of this circumstance of humanity! I'm being liver-ated! I said liver-ated, you

heard me, right? That's a new word, by the way. Liver-ated! I got it right, right sister? All right! See. She's got it. You all have to go to medical school to understand the ramifications of all of that. You see, the liver is meant to cleanse the body. In order to be liberated, I have to be liver-ated. Oh yeah! Hallelujah. You know what that requires?

It requires time in the Word. It takes time in the Word. It takes time in prayer. It takes time in tribulation. Takes time in the fire. Takes time! It takes dying! **Dyyyying!** Are you dead yet? Are you dead? Are you dead there, sister? Are you dead? You dead? Or is there a little bit some more of you that needs to be liver-ated?

God said, for this purpose, it was God. Adam was just God's mouthpiece. How many of you know that Adam was a living soul when he made the proclamation? He was on the other side of the veil. He was in that place of glory. He was in that place of life. He was in that place of

liberation! How many of you know that when he made that proclamation, when he made that statement, he hadn't yet sinned, you understand? Hadn't yet fallen. He was still walking with the King. Walking with Yahweh. Don't you want to walk with Him, Tom? You know, sometimes there is such a yearning in my soul to walk with Him, talk with Him, just to be with Him.

You know, I got to thinking about it the other day and I got to thinking, you know, fasting, oh, that's a dirty word, right? We don't want to talk about fasting because that's denying self and we really don't want to do that! But you have to do that if you want Jesus. You have to do that, do you hear me? Paul said I am continually, forever, bringing my body under subjection! Why? Why was he doing that? Because he knew of the intent, he knew of the plan, he knew of the thought of the fact of the matter, and he knew the intent that had been prophesied.

Two prophetic words. You and I have to deal with two prophetic words. One is out of the pit of hell. The other is out of the throne. He said, "For this cause shall a man leave his father and his mother." Adam had no father; he had no mother. But yet he shall leave his father, except for, of course, God. But he doesn't mean that he would

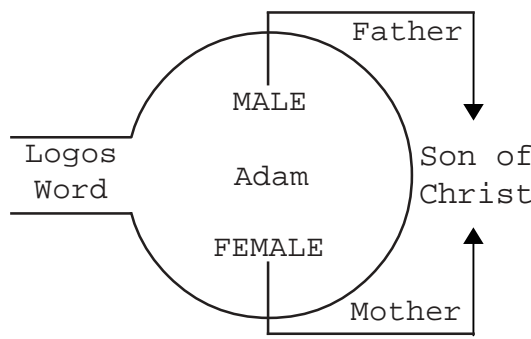


Figure 20

primarily, but in the other one that you are cleaving unto. The word cleave is not a one-sided affair. It implies mutual cooperation. Another word for it is Christ. (Figure 20)

How much of God did you produce today? How much of God did you individually produce today? I have gotten into the habit of reciting my day at the end of the day and for every transgression where I produced something other than Christ (I have to repent). Did you know that I can either produce Christ in my wife or I can produce perdition? (Figure 21) And if you don't think that I don't have

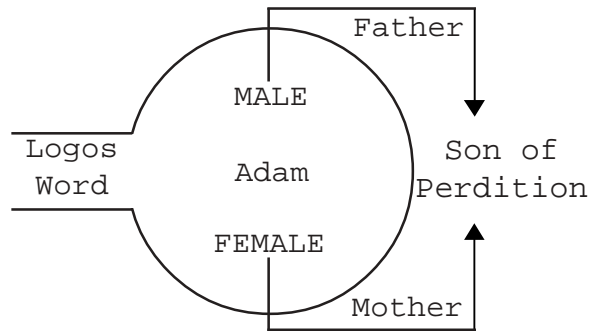


Figure 21

leave God. **Leave his father and his mother** (Genesis 2:24). Are you seeing it? He shall leave his father's position, he shall leave his mother's position, and the two shall cleave together, to do what? (Figure 19) Bring forth a manifestation, a revelation of Sonship. Do you know what your job is? It is to produce Christ. Not in yourself primarily,

a responsibility for the fact of what I produce in my wife, you are sadly mistaken because the Bible says, for this cause many are sick and some sleep because they do not discern the Body of Christ (I Corinthians 11:30). Quite frankly brethren, we are to produce the Body of Christ (Figure 22) in the fashion and in the form that we are able to do within

our own personal environment. That's why the Bible says that you should love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:31). And if you think that that lets the kids off, you are wrong. You children have a responsibility to produce Christ in each other, your sisters, your brother, as well as a responsibility to produce Christ in your parents. If you think that because of the age that they are at that they are not held accountable for not producing Christ, if they have the knowledge and the overshadowing of Christ, you are mistaken. You are mistaken. And sometimes we do our children a very severe disservice in the aspect of what we do not do.

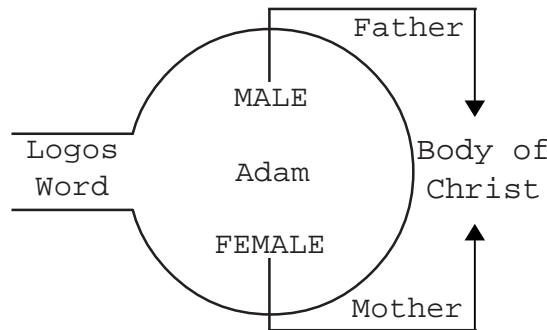
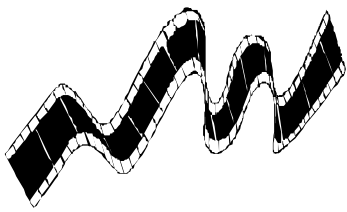
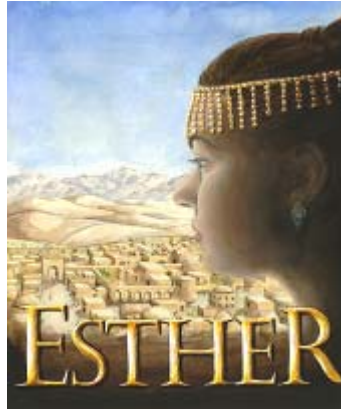


Figure 22

It brings me back to that old question that Jesus asked the disciples. He says, what think ye of Christ? Whose son is He? What think ye of Christ in your situation? Whose son is He and what should your behavior and your attitude be with regard to it? God bless you. Thank you very much. ☺



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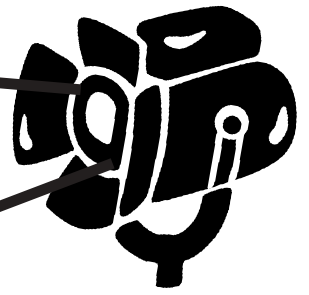
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Spotlight's on Oliver Capcik



By Wesley Schell

Over the course of this summer here in Mahomet, we have been privileged to have Oliver Capcik from Slovakia working here at the farm. Oliver came here in the middle of June and left the beginning of September. It has been a blessing to watch him grow and mature while putting his hands into the Lord's work being done in Mahomet. Oliver's testimony goes like this...

Oliver was taught Christian morals from his mother and also learned many Bible stories from the Old and New Testament. Having this background of knowing right from wrong was good, but something was missing in his life. When Oliver was 13 years old, he went to a conference with his mother and during that time the conviction of sin came upon him. Oliver said that, "My eyes were opened to my sinful nature and I needed to be born again." So he repented of his sin and asked Jesus into his heart. That was when the fire for God was kindled in this man. After a period of time the spark for God had smothered out and he said that, "I became a Sunday Christian only."

Being only a "Sunday Christian" isn't good enough for God. God had a trump card that He would play on Oliver to respark that fire. The following Czech conference the elders were praying over Oliver and they laid hands on him for the baptism in the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost put the fire back into Oliver's bones. Shortly after the conference he was polar bear baptized in a cold lake. When asked why he was baptized he said, "I knew that I needed to be baptized but I didn't know what it meant."

This mountain in Oliver's life didn't last very long though. In his words, "The next year was the worst year of my life. I became fully immersed into the world." He involved himself with a group of friends that were not upright. Even though Oliver was not walking with the Lord, God still was patient and not willing to let this young man go. School was ending for Oliver during the year of 2002 and the brethren in Czech were organizing a youth conference during the same summer. Oliver's friends at school were throwing a party on Saturday. In order to go to the

youth conference he would have to leave on Saturday also. He didn't want to go to the conference because Christian events were boring to him at that time. On the other hand, he knew that if he went to that party he would drift afar off from God and possibly not return. The fear of losing God and peer pressure were both upon him. His mom told him to go to the conference. Even though the party had a pull upon him, he submitted to the command of his mother.

When he arrived at the youth conference he stayed in an apartment with two young men who were walking with the Lord and had the joy of the Lord upon them. This opened Oliver's eyes and he became ashamed of how he thought life as a Christian would be. The three of these men stayed together for one week. They prayed each day together and God began to work on changing the hardness of his heart. During the conference they took a trip to a castle and on the way back a dog ran out in front of the car they were driving. They hit the dog and stopped the vehicle to check out what had happened. Blood was running out of the dog's nose and it wasn't moving. The owner of the dog saw everything and they apologized to him. The owner was not upset, though, because it was the dog's fault. One of the young men asked the owner if they could pray for the dog. It seemed odd to Oliver, but nevertheless they all gathered around the dog and laid hands on the dog. After praying the dog suddenly got up and started to run circles around the group. The owner instantly shouted, "YOU ARE HOLY MEN." This testimony really showed Oliver how God hears man's prayers.

Each day at the conference they received a word and one day Brother Martin Kluson shared "Ish (man) and Ishsha (woman)," [printed in the May 1 2005 KIT Bulletin]. This word touched Oliver's heart because he has read it many times every year since and is presently reading it again. The word is about Holy Matrimony and keeping yourself pure for the mate that God has for you. Towards the end of the conference Oliver rededicated his life to God. During his rededication a prophecy was spoken over him and it caused him to repent and begin to walk a new path called the straight and nar-



row. During the youth conference Oliver realized that God is real and is moving on his behalf. God began to speak to Oliver's heart shortly after this event and he pursued earnestly after the Kingdom of God. As it is with all Christians, there were bumps in the road that Oliver stumbled over, but he repented and continued to keep pursuing.

About half a year later he took his first trip to the United States for the Florida Convention in 2002. The high point of the trip was that he laid his life before the Lord and determined to become a man of God and go all the way. When he returned back home and went to school something was different about him. He was conducting himself as a Christian during school and among his peers. John 15:19, *If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.*

At the Czech conference of 2003, Oliver made a decision to spread the gospel at school. He would bring his Bible to school each day and read it. His classmates would ask him questions about his faith and that gave him a perfect opportunity to share his testimony.

The following summer was the Jamaica Seminar 2004. When he first heard about the seminar his heart was fixed totally on going. While in Jamaica, a fire was stirred up to please God in all circumstances and the Lord started speaking to him about surrendering his existence to fulfill the will of God. Also, he was baptized in water again. This time he was not backing out of it, because he knew he was making a covenant with God of death to self. He took it very serious. God was moving mountains in his soul because when the next school year started his classmates didn't even recognize him. He was witnessing to them about the power of God to redeem the soul of man from hell.

Oliver's walk with God has had its ups and downs, but his heart is fixed on the Lord. He has been a tremendous blessing to the work on the farm and also to each one of us in Mahomet.

Oliver Capcik's Testimony

Firstly, I want to say that I am really thankful to the Lord that He's given me the opportunity of being here. I would like to share a little about faith.

To get to the United States, non-residents have to get a visa at the U.S. embassy. When I first had a desire to come here I talked to Brother Burt Asbill about it. When we received the witness from the Lord, we started to work on the things needed.

When I receive a witness from the Lord about going somewhere, it seems to me that the Lord is teaching me how to believe Him fully, no matter what I see. When I was to go to US for the first time, I had believed I was to go approximately three months before I left. Then so many obstacles came that I started to hesitate whether it was the

will of the Lord.

See, the hardest things or jobs are those that don't bring you the visible evidence of the steps that lead to the final product. It is like when I was helping one brother and I had to lay the sub-floor on a layer of insulation. When he asked me how long I supposed it would take me, I replied that it would be no longer than four hours. Well, after three days of work and after many tries I didn't see any work done. All I saw was that I had laid the floor down three times and had to pick it up three times. That makes you feel frustrated. It surely has something to do with impatience, but I believe that it is more about faith. And if you don't want to get frustrated, you need to have faith.

The first part in all the actions that we do must be that we have to believe that we are doing the will of the Lord. That is your ignition. If you make a step without knowing this, you are in trouble. As Proverbs 29:18 says, ***Where there is no vision, the people perish.*** They perish, because they don't walk in faith, but by sight. We can't be like the six hundred thousand Israelite men, besides women and children, who left Egypt and two Joshua and Caleb came to the Promised Land. They perished! They had no vision!

In Hebrews 11:1, ***Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*** If this verse is true and if we don't want to cut it out of our Bibles, as Brother Burt Asbill would say, then our determination can not be based upon sight alone. *If we want to walk in faith as our forefathers were, of course.* Abraham is a wonderful example of a man who walked by faith. He left everything and went, not knowing where he was going. Or how about Noah, who built an ark and preached for an hundred and twenty years, doing all this because of one word he had received. Nobody got saved in a hundred and twenty years! And not even a drop came from heaven in all that time! And when **we** have two obstacles in the work that we do for the Lord, we want to quit!

Do you know that the Lord has faith? **The fullness of faith?** He is not walking by sight. If He were, He would have ceased with His effort of building His Church a long time ago. Why? Because in six thousand years, He has not seen one man entering His fullness. Not even one. But the Lord is the one who has the fullness of faith. He believes. Hallelujah.

Now to get back to my experience about obtaining a visa, despite all of my unbelief, the visa was given to me ten days before my departure. And the travelling agency has kept my ticket reserved for three months without any deposit! And the Lord has given me a wonderful time with the people of God. From that time on, the Lord has been teaching me how to believe that He has everything in His hands. And I believe that the Lord is going to help my unbelief. ☞

Food For Thought

by Stacy Asbill

In our household the word or term “overcoming” has been popping up a lot lately. In meditating on it, it certainly has come with circumstances that need to be overcome. The eyes of our understanding have been enlightened with the thought that overcoming is not just an action but a nature. Romans 8:2 says, *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.* When I think about the tiny little seeds that we use in the greenhouse, I begin to understand what Romans is talking about. The life in the seed energizes the seed into growth according to the genetic map of that particular plant variety. The first sign of that life being made manifest is the root piercing the soil. Overcoming the pressure of being buried, the roots prevail to become an anchor, a network of conductors, to support and maintain the purpose of that plant. I can find a parallel to this analogy in the daily routine of our house. The day will start something like this: The children will be waking up one by one and coming down the stairs – some happy, some sleepy and some grumpy. Generally the grumpy ones start to “infect” the happy and sleepy ones until all are grumpy. As this whole process snowballs into us being “buried,” I call the children into the kitchen and have them sit down. As I begin to talk to

them about the things that each one of them were submitting themselves to, I also begin to talk to them about the need to overcome and the ability that they have with God to do so.

When I look at the word “overcome” I find out that the word can be turned around to say, “to come over.” The picture that came to my mind, that I began to relate to the children, was that of a runner in a race. Except in this race, the runner was jumping over hurdles. When I looked up the word “hurdle,” imagine my delight that the dictionary gave this definition:

1: to leap over especially while running (as in a sporting competition)

2: overcome, surmount.



For us the first hurdle is the natural environment in which we live and the thing that is most prevalent is our carnal state of being. The implication here is that there must be something more to our existence than this natural realm. Romans 8:2 brings enlightenment to this thought, *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.* “In Christ Jesus” defines certain criteria and conditions and certainly defines another realm. I understand the “in” in the natural i.e. I go in the house at the front door. But how do I translate this into my everyday



environment? Well, thinking back to the scenario of the seed, if the planted seed remains in seed form then the individuality of the seed has prevailed. Evidence of its independence is proved by the dirt because when we look to the place of its planting, dirt is all that we see. In other words, the stem, leaf, flower and fruit are evidence that the seed has overcome being buried by utilizing its environment, the dirt, as the medium to fulfil its purpose. I find that my life, from God’s perspective, in this realm is meant to be a growing medium for that eternal life that came by way of the Blood of Jesus, the same Blood that touched my soul.

Now, in considering the word “overcome” I looked up its meaning in the Webster’s dictionary (I like to look words up in the dictionary because they always seem to give me further revelation to what I am looking at). This is the definition that I found:

1. To conquer; to vanquish; to subdue; as, to overcome enemies in battle.
2. To surmount; to get the better

of; as, to overcome difficulties or obstacles.

3. To gain the superiority; to be victorious.

I really like the definition given “to vanquish” which means to utterly destroy. If you think about achieving that place of overcoming, you realize that, in that place, one no longer has to war with that particular enemy any longer. To conquer, subdue, and especially to vanquish a foe, implicates the annihilation of that foe.

Now, as I was looking up different verses on overcoming, I found three things or entities that we are to overcome. As Brother Leonard Ravenhill put it, we have against us the world, the flesh, and the devil. Jesus was an ensample to us pertaining to overcoming and in John 16:33, he said, *In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world* (cosmos). In all of these verses, the word “overcome” is #3528, nikao, in the Greek and means *to subdue, conquer, over-*


come, prevail, get the victory (I love how the dictionary’s definition is very much in keeping with the Word of God – the 1828 version, at least!). I John 4:4 speaks about overcoming self (interesting that it is chapter four and verse four, isn’t it?), *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them* (autos, meaning self): *because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world*. Finally, in I John 2:14 the Word relays that we are also to overcome the devil. *I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one*.

You know, the Word of God is so practical and hits home 100 percent of the time. I would have to say that the thing that tends to give me the most trouble in my course of overcoming is not so much the devil or the world, but my own self. Let me give you an example of this from my perspective. I tend to write my articles in various sessions as it just doesn’t happen in one

sitting. So just this morning, as things were happening here at home, my time that I had hoped to work on this article was quickly dissipating. So I was thinking about my article; the need to get back to it and my inability to do so. I found myself becoming inwardly irritated and frustrated about this situation but the moment I recognized what was transpiring, I had to laugh. This was a hurdle I had come to in my race – was I going to jump it or not? To finish the story, yes, I did. And the neat thing about God is that when we choose to overcome without any hope of an answer in the natural realm, God many times “parts the Red Sea” and makes a way, even in the natural! For me that means I’m back here at my computer writing!

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh (nikao) *the world* (kosmos): *and this is the victory* (nike) *that overcometh* (nikao) *the world* (kosmos), *even our faith* (I John 5:4). ☞

Signs Of The Times



A MESSAGE FROM
JACK CHICK
JULY/AUGUST 2005
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What a world! TV, films, Disneyland, Positive Thinking and lots of “tolerance” for everything. We look the other way when something is a lit-

tle weird, because “we shouldn’t talk about unpleasant issues.” Churches flourish when the message is uplifting and we feel good.

What’s wrong with this? We’ve forgotten that God is “a jealous God,” that He is “a consuming fire,” that this whole world will face His wrath during the coming Tribulation. And why did we forget? Because it’s not nice to think about things like that. So we put aside our Bibles and read what the latest Christian leader has written on how to enlarge our churches, how to keep the large crowds happy, how to have health, wealth and happiness! But we still live the same selfish lives we’ve always lived. We go on enjoying our own self-righteous front we put on before the (ugh!) “unchurched.”

Do they see through our phoniness? You bet they do! And their contempt is growing daily, through witch-

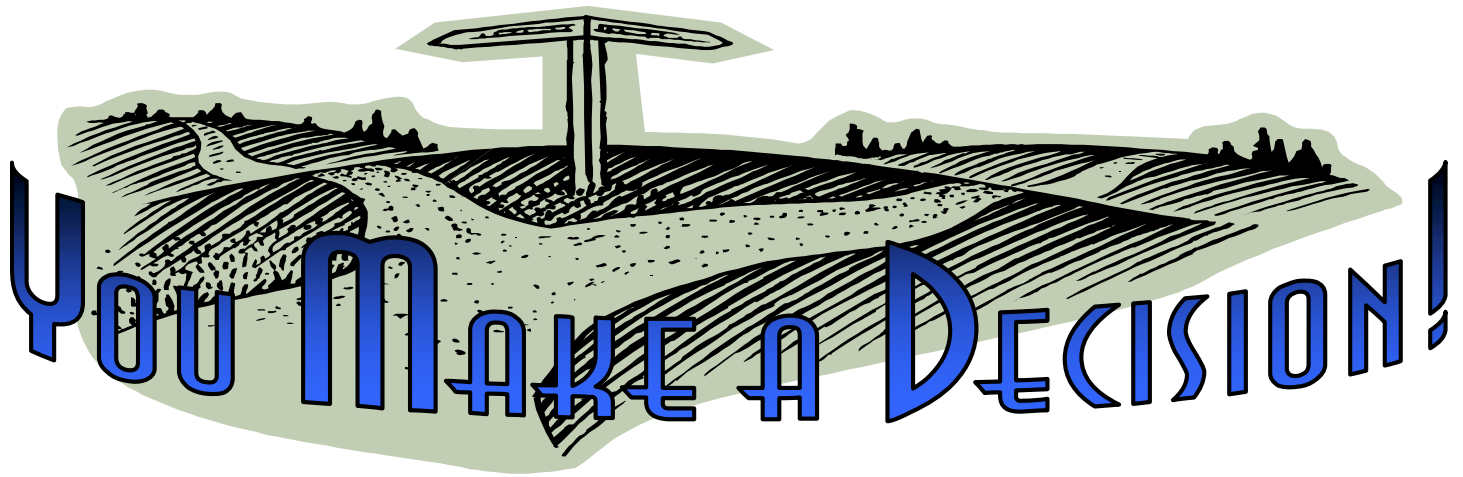
craft, violence and pornography. Want to see their contempt? It’s in movies and television as they take continuous shots at Bible-believers, inferring **they** are the “true” terrorists.

Isn’t it time for a revival? Isn’t it time to tell the world that the only hope during this madness is to look for the Lord’s return, to repent of our wickedness and to get our noses into God’s holy and preserved words, the King James Bible (you know, the only version everyone hates)?

As this worldly system collapses around us, the promises of His word are all we truly have to hang on to. Faith in our religious leaders is foolishness. Because compromise is everywhere, we must stick close to the Lord Jesus and walk the straight and narrow path, no matter **what** the cost.

Yours for the lost,
Jack

IT IS TIME THAT



BROTHER BURT ASBILL

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Praise the Lord. If you have your Bibles, you might want to open them up this morning to John, chapter three. I think one of the most frustrating things about preaching the Word of God is the lack of visible evidence on many occasions. To me personally one of the most frustrating things about preaching is the lack of seeing something demonstrable in the lives of the individuals who are listening to the Word.

I have been having an experience in the last five years that kind of relates to it a little bit. We are what you call sustainable growers as far as the producing of crops that we grow. What that means is that we're not organic, but we try to stay away from the major commercial chemicals. We don't really do any in the fields to speak of. I mean, we don't do any herbicides, and things of that nature in the

planting and production of the vegetables. When we can, economically and reasonably, we try to use organic products. When we were first starting, of course, we didn't have a lot of knowledge and we didn't have a lot of places to go to get that knowledge. In the state of Illinois, there just wasn't a lot of information about farming without chemicals. It was very expensive and we were very limited in our ability to buy certain products that we needed in order to do certain things.

We had planted a fall crop of probably a thousand to fifteen hundred cabbages, broccoli, and all those things that like cool weather. I had determined that no matter how bad it got, I wasn't going to use any kind of commercial insecticide on it. I made a commitment to not use any commercial products in controlling the insects on this particular crop, for whatever reason. Maybe I was being prompted of the Lord because He wanted to demonstrate something to me. Let me say at this point that you don't just go out and plant. There is a lot of work in prepping and getting ready to plant. You have to start everything in the greenhouse, pre-planting before it goes out into the field and you have hours of labor, intensive labor. You have the filling of the trays with the dirt, and putting the little-bitty seeds in there. It's just a lot of work. It's a lot of work. When that's done, you have to take care of them. You have to go in and water them, you have to make sure they don't get too hot. Right now, we are planting our fall crop that will go out in the field in the middle to last part of August. Then, on top of all that, because we don't use



herbicides, a lot of the plants that we plant are planted on what is called “plastic culture.” We use a plastic culture farming method. This means that you go in and plow up



your field, you till it and get the tilt of the ground right, and then you come in with this little machine that’s got this roll of plastic on it and you lay down this strip of plastic. Then you go and get your transplanter and hook it up to your tractor. Then you go in and get all the plants that you want to plant and you put them on the transplanter, and you fill the tank on the transplanter with water. Then you have to get somebody to ride on the back of the transplanter and go out to plant these little plants. It’s a lot of work, and that’s even before the plants are in the ground. It’s a lot of work. I remember one year we did all of that, and after we got it out there, we had this infestation of these little, green worms. They were just like locusts and I lost everything. I lost everything. I

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didn’t just lose a crop. I mean, every plant was destroyed. Now, you could say, “You should have done this, you should have done that.” I could have done a lot of things, but because I made a commitment and a choice on the basis of what we wanted to do, I was limited by my financial set of circumstances as to what I could do to keep that crop from

being destroyed. I took pictures of it; I have the pictures. I have never seen such plant devastation. All that was left of these plants was the vein tissue in the plants. All the leaves were gone or in various stages of being assimilated by these different bugs.

It is something that I believe is parallel to the ministry with the church; I mean, it’s a lot like that in the ministry to the church. There’s a lot of work that goes into building a church. I am not talking about buildings of wood and stone, I am speaking about living stones. God goes to a lot of trouble in bringing to us all of the things that He wants us to have. As I walked through that field viewing the destruction, there was such a feeling of desolation and sadness. I

don’t know if I can adequately recall for you the feeling of loss, unless you have really been in that position. As I walked through that



field, and looked at those different plants, the devastation was so complete and so intense that I was feeling it in my soul. There is something of that feeling that I have this morning as I look upon the church and the place and the condition that it is in. I believe that that is, to a great degree, the way that God perceives and feels about His church.

Let us consider the fact of us here today. Now, you may have been in the gospel ten years, twenty years, twenty-five years, thirty years, thirty-five years, forty years, and that seems to you a long time based upon the fact of how you’ve labored, where you’ve labored and what you have done. But consider God as the master husbandman who has been laboring in the church, laboring for a church for seven thousand years. And can you imagine, *can you imagine*, can you even possibly imagine the feeling that God must have had? To a lesser degree I think I can because of my experience. You know, when God came into the garden after man’s sin, God knew. God wasn’t taken by surprise. But, you know, I don’t think that that pre-knowledge lessened the sense of sadness, or the position of grief, or the feeling of desolation that God felt concerning the issue. Especially if you go into Jeremiah chapter 4, and you begin to read where God was lamenting over Israel and the condition that they were in, and you see that it was because of their



position and place of rebellion. How many of you have read Jeremiah chapter 4? Have you ever read it? You should read it, because it gives an apt description of the heart of God as He viewed the destruction of the thing that He loved. Now, God knew what was going to happen, but I don't believe it lessened the feeling that God had. Now, if on a human level with regard to natural, carnal things, I can feel such an intensity as to the thing that I am sensing, would not, could not Elohim, the great IAM of all creation, have intensity that is so much more humanly impossible to bear or even comprehend?

adequately express to you the feeling that I am feeling this morning, other than a sense of sadness on the basis of how you and I respond to the Word of God. We do not understand, we do not understand the position, the place, the responsibility that we have for what God has given us. You see, unlike my garden, the plants in the field didn't have the means by which to protect themselves. They have an idea about all of that, you understand. They say that, first of all, a plant



that is healthy and vibrant and that you don't use manufactured chemicals to help it resist, will by itself, in its state of healthiness, resist the invasion of pests. Or the plant will produce something, I think they're called flavonoids, that the insects do not like. So even to some degree, if you start out with a perfect situation, and you do everything just right, then your plant may, by some means or some way, have the ability to resist the invasion of the insect. But unlike those plants who may create their own resistance, God has given you and me a means by which we might resist the devil, *that we might resist the devil*. Those of you who weren't here last night, I strongly encourage you to knock on Brother George's door to get the DVD. It was a very good meeting. And I'm not going to have time to go back over a lot of what we covered, and because of that, you are not going to get the full gist of what we are talking about today.

It's not only that, but what we're growing, we really believe is a blessing. Do you believe that? I mean, we believe that. We believe that we're not doing it to build an operation that is a sustainable farming operation, but that we are doing it as unto the Lord, as God has directed us to do it. It is to provide food and substance for the people of God, as well as the people of the world in the end time.

Can you imagine the great IAM in the garden when He comes in and Adam is hiding from Him (Genesis 3:8)? You know, it's almost as if I can see it. Have you ever seen a plant that has been neglected? It was vibrant, it was healthy, it was green! It was alive! And then for some

reason, something happened and it became dull, even in color, and droopy, and lifeless. I like

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to go out in the early mornings; I go out very early in the mornings and sometimes, well, not only to keep abreast of what is happening in the field, but just to watch and to look at the things to see how they are growing. You understand? I believe that's a lot like God. You know, I think God strolls through the garden of our soul and I sometimes wonder, you know, if He looks at me the way I look at some of the things that I am seeing in the field that gives evidence of what I am growing. Hallelujah. I think that I must be feeling something of the feeling of God in it all. There is something of a sense... I don't know really how to describe it. I really don't know how to

The church needs to **repent**. The church needs to repent, first of all, of its independent position of individuality and its place of personal preference. Now, God can talk to me about my place in the church, but I know that unless I am willing to do what the Word of God says that I must do, in order for me to be in



that place that the Word of God says is mine to have, there has to be in me a submission to that Word. Unfortunately, **unfortunately**, I don't believe that I'm speaking to you out of my own intellect. I don't know where you are, except that God shows me and brings to me a Word concerning that position and that condition. If I don't know what your situa-

tion is, and I don't know what your set of circumstances are and God gives me a Word, there should be something of a recognition in you with regard to that Word. If there's no witness, you have no responsibility. But, nevertheless, I do not believe the church is doing what the church needs to be doing. We're still independent, we're still positional individual in our thinking and in our actions. We do things, make decisions, not on the basis of the will of God, or the Word of God, but on the basis of what we think is right or because we just want to do it or because of what we think is our responsibility, or the pressure of the situation. I'm not telling you that you need to stop what you are doing. What I'm telling you is that you need to understand, you need to come to some conclusion as to what the Word of God is in the midst of your set of circumstances. How is it overshadowing you, what is it requiring of you, and by what means will you submit to it to bring forth the reality of that Word? Hallelujah.

Now, I could go out into my field, I could load my planter up with all kinds of seed and go out without any thought as to prepping the field to receive the seed. You see, I'm still talking to you about the original thought on how there seems to be no response to the Word, either immediately



would really enjoy spending eternity. So I said, "Well, we can take care of that, I'll just get

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saved and I'll get into heaven." Hallelujah.

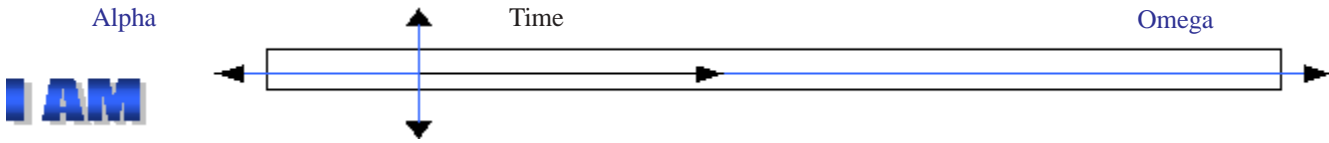
I'm in John, chapter 3. I'm really ministering to you out of verse 19, and it says, ***This is the condemnation.*** That word is an English word for judgment. It says, ***this is the condemnation.*** You see, there is judgment already present in the Word that God prophesied over Adam and Eve in the very beginning when He established the borders of His judicial oversight. He reiterated it when He gave the commandments to Moses to give to the house of Israel. He said, ***This day I put before you*** (Deuteronomy 11:26). You know, you can look at it like this: you're talking about an omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient God who has the ability to know what the future is. Let me tell you, names are kind of important, especially when it comes to God. When you want to refer to God as the omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent God, He calls Himself the I AM. Every time He talks about the I AM, He is talking about His position of eternity, and everything that relates to that, but unfortunately, you and I don't have the mental capacity to comprehend the totality of what that really means. So, He had to reduce Himself. He had to bring Himself down. Because, you see, we are finite in our position. That means we have a beginning and we have an end. But with God, that isn't the case. Sometimes I think God is like a figment of our imagination, somewhere out there. We know the reality of His existence by virtue of our new birth or our Holy Ghost baptism. But somehow, some way, out there, somewhere, in the great, wild, blue yonder, somewhere is this entity called God. One of the reasons is we don't have the ability, we don't have the mental comprehension in our finiteness to understand the *infiniteness* of God, the totality and the reality of what He says, very simply, in the statement that He made about Himself in the fact that He called Himself the I AM. It doesn't mean that you and I can't get a hold of it. It doesn't mean that you and I cannot get some sort of comprehension of that position, because one of the things that God gives us for that purpose is the entity that He calls the Holy Ghost. As I was telling you last night, the Holy Ghost was given to

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or, for that matter, over a length of time. I am not trying to put a guilt trip on you. Because I tell you, when there is no response to a Word where I am conscious of the presence of God, I have to go to God, because I have to assume that in the beginning I wasn't saying the right Word, I wasn't moving in the right way. I wasn't flowing in the unction or in the anointing, or in some manner or some way, I have failed to present to you the reality of what I am sensing. So, it's not that I'm just putting some sort of guilt trip on you. But I do believe, on the basis of the Word that God is giving to me, that there is truth in what I am telling you about your position and your responsibility in responding to the Word of God.

Now, what is the Word that you are following after? What is the Word that is overshadowing you? Are you waiting to get to heaven? Is that why you became a Christian? Well, that's why I became Christian, in the beginning. It wasn't really that I wanted to go to heaven, I just didn't want to go to hell. I just didn't want to go to hell and that's why I got saved. I believed that hell was a reality and it didn't seem like, in my mind, a place that I



you, not for the purpose of running goose bumps up and down your spine or even giving you the ability to speak in tongues. The Holy Ghost was given to you so that you might know truth, **truth, TRUTH**. Not truth about this arena of carnality and flesh, but the truth about the infiniteness of what He calls the I AM. I like the way Austin Sparks puts it. I think it was he who coined the word the “otherness” of Christ. You see, we don’t have words, we really don’t even have words to describe the thing that we call God. So God had to reduce Himself, and He reduced Himself by saying, “I AM for you, the Alpha and the Omega.” What that equates to is that God begins to establish the borders of our finiteness so that He can bring us to the understanding of the reality of eternity.

You know, I have only one Word; I’m sorry if I’m boring you or putting you to sleep. This is the Word that God has given me. He started giving it to me about two years ago, and the first of this year God began to bring it together and it’s the only Word I have. I don’t have another Word. I don’t believe I’m going to have another Word until we get this Word, or until Jesus comes. I believe, whether it’s 2008 or not, I believe in the imminent return of Jesus Christ. Do you know that the imminent return of Jesus Christ is not a Sonlight Gospel, Brother duCille revelation? How

And in order for you and I to get up and over those principles, we have to be something other than what we are, but the problem is that we like what we are.



many of you know that? Not too many of you. The imminent return of Jesus Christ was a doctrine that was preached by every one of the apostles. They were looking for Jesus and acting like Jesus was coming the next day. They that wrote about it talked it and they walked it because they believed it. You know, I believe that they believed that they would somehow, some way, in the time frame that they

lived, see the return of Jesus Christ.

Now Paul, I think, had a further revelation of the matter when he said, “I am a man born out of due season.” You know, Paul’s problem, his thorn in the flesh, wasn’t a physical malady. It was a spiritual reality. It was a revelation of an ability to see down through the corridors of time, and he knew, I believe, by the Spirit, though he may not have understood everything that he was penning, he knew that he was penning an eternal word for an eternal purpose for an eternal people. I believe that he probably had some reality of the fact that he would not participate and move on the natural plane into that reality of eternity, but that he would participate as a part of that host of heaven. But, you see, we want to relegate everything to a natural environment, because we’re natural people. It’s easier for us to think that it was a natural impediment, or a place of natural affliction that he had, than a spiritual awareness or a spiritual perception of the reality of what he called in his Word the end time.

So, God reduced Himself, He says, “I AM.” Out here in what is called eternity He is the I AM, but in here, when time starts, He becomes the Alpha. So, it’s really a temporal term for the otherness of Christ, the otherness of God. But it’s a term that you and I can relate to. Many times in the Scripture you see the definition of this position as the Alpha when He would prophecy over an individual and He would say, “I knew you when you were formed in your mother’s womb.” What was He saying? From the beginning of your formation, from the beginning of the creation of your physical life,

He says, “I was present, I was there.” But He also relates to His position of the Omega, which is the end of all things, as we know it, on a temporal plane. Now, the problem that God has with you and I is ingetting us out of this arena of natural thinking, getting us out of this arena of thinking on a horizontal level. We think horizontally. We’re not thinking vertically, right? Though it’s up/down, it’s up. Though it’s backward, it’s forward. God has to change our position or our disposition, **our disposition**, as far as our environment in which we live, not that He changes the environment, but He changes you. I don’t think we even understand what it means to be born again, quite frankly. I think if we understood what it meant to be born again, we would not have some of the problems that we have. To be born again means that you are being translated - isn’t that

the word he uses (Colossians 1:13)? You are being translated from this position of darkness; this has all been given over to hell. And in the midst of hell, God brings forth the reality of life. Hell and death are synonymous with each other. Hallelujah.

We have to have God bring into our set of circumstances things that are totally and absolutely impossible in order to demonstrate to us, first, our inability to cope and second, but most important, that the impossible is possible with God. I don't know whether it's because we're so thick-headed, so stubborn, so earth orientated or what, but God has to bring us into situations and circumstances that are outside of our control. That means He will pluck you up out of where you are, put you down in someplace that you had no idea of ever being, and give you into the charge and put you under the authority of someone else or something else. How many of you ever had a job you didn't like to do, but you had to do it? And what did you do? Mumble, grumble, complain, tell your wife or your husband how bad they were treating you? And you can't wait to get out of that place? You can't wait, "God's got to do something!" Of course you probably never said that. Hallelujah. Well, the fact is that God has done everything that He can possibly do. How many of you are in a relationship, don't show hands, please (laughter). How many of you are in a relationship that is just really difficult for one reason, one personality reason or another? Sometimes it seems absolutely impossible. Of course, none of you have ever had that situation, or are presently having to deal with that type of circumstance, right?

You're going to have to make a decision. You're really going to have to make a decision and I don't know how many times more that I will have the opportunity to come and to tell you that you have to make a decision. You have to come to a position of consecration and dedication as to whether or not you really believe the Word. Now, what am I talking about? Is this Burt's theology? I really don't think so. You know, they called it sonship in the beginning, do you know that? Brother Bill, he was one of the pioneers of the concept that God wanted sons. He wrote a book about it called, "Eagle Saints Arise." Wasn't it talking about sonship? Wasn't it talking about the heart of God to bring forth the reality of that position and the strength and the vitality out of the midst, *out of, out of, out of, OUT OF*, do you hear me? **OUT OF!** That means something out of you that isn't you. It has to be something other than George. It has to be something other than Burt. It has to be something other than Dave. It has to be something other than what we are, because what we are isn't sufficient, isn't satisfactory, nor will it do what it's supposed to do! It can't! It's under the control of different elements and different principles. **In order for you and me to get up and over those principles, we have**

to be something other than what we are, but the problem is that we like what we are. We like what we are. We like what we are! You know, I can only relate to you how God has dealt with me and not everybody is like me, but I believe that God deals with everybody like He dealt with me, in one manner or another. I think that there are many besides me that are pursuing after a Word that is called sonship. Now, let's see if I can get the right word here. I'm just trying to give to you a spiritual definition using the English language. Another word for eternity is called expendability. Unless you are willing to be expended... You know, Mary, I'm talking to the wrong people. You probably all have this down so well that I should be somewhere else today preaching to somebody else. II Corinthians, the fourth chapter. This is the "Expendability Formula." Verse 6 says, in II Corinthians chapter 4, **For God, who hath commanded the light to shine out of the darkness, hath shined in to the midst of our hearts.**

He hath commanded the light to shine out of the midst of darkness, to shine in the heart of the individual believer. Put your finger there. Let's go to Ezekiel, see if that's what I want. Ezekiel 28, verse 18. He's talking to the devil, and he is pronouncing judgment upon the devil. He says, verse 17, **Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty...** My goodness. **Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty.** There was a certain self-examination that the devil did of his own personal, soulish environment by his grading scale and he came up with an A+. Hallelujah. We're not much different in the way that we look at ourselves, and the way that we respond to individual situations, or how we even respond to the Word of God. Our self examination would go something like this: "How could he do that? How could she say that? How could this happen to me?" All of those thoughts are the self-examination process from a carnal, earthly, devilish, hellish position. It says that Jesus, though **he was reviled**, he what?



He *reviled not again* (I Peter 2:23), but of course, He was only human, He probably said in His mind that He really didn't deserve this and they were a bunch of jerks and that they were going to get their come-uppance. "You just wait 'til I'm on the throne, you're in trouble. Oh yeah, Caiaphas, you're coming before Me one day." NO! He committed all things to the righteous judge. Our reaction most of the time is self-centered. We're talking about self-centered thoughts of position and places of dominion that we believe are ours, and that everything is okay. "Well, if **you** would do so and so, **I** would do so and so." "It's all **your** fault, **you** made me angry." I've never been able to quite figure that one out. This is the doctrine of devils. It is self-centered and self-orientated.



Thine heart was lifted up because of the beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness. Now, let me ask you a question. If the Bible says that we are all subjected to the same spirit and we all have the same destiny when we are born into this environment that we will call "world," what do you suppose the nature of that humanity is? Do you think it is good? The Bible says, Because one sinned, all have sin and because all have sinned, death is upon all men (Romans 5:12). So, there is a world mentality that is bequeathed to us by the DNA of that entity that is overshadowing that realm of darkness. Hello? Paul had it, do you know that? He had it. He said, *In me, in my flesh* (Romans 7:18) and you know, Paul said another thing that's astounding. He said, "I'm always having to bring my body under subjection" (I Corinthians 9:27). Paul! Come on! He's a saint. They made him a saint! It is on the word that Paul wrote that you and I have the formation of the foundation of what we believe. Paul! And the man said he had to continually... Perpetually, that's what it means. Perpetually working to bring something that was within this realm that he existed outside as well as inside. The first thing that I have to look for in any confrontation, and I had one recently, is how do I respond to that confrontation. Funny, isn't it? You always have those little confrontations, those human intertwinings. **I have to look at my response.** You know, they can be totally wrong. They can

There are three major areas that the Bible says that you and I have to overcome. They are the pride of life, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eye.

found it in Africa. I found it in Ukraine. I found rebellion everywhere I went. In the church! In the people that say they love God. Why? Because no matter what your geographical boundaries are, there are principalities that are over all these little areas that we call the governments. It is divided up into principalities and over those geographical areas there are princes, each one of these have a spirit that rule over them.

There is a throne for each of these areas and a devil prince sits upon each one of them and over these thrones is another throne and the thing that sits upon that throne is this entity that we call the devil. He is the one that has overshadowed you and me, and we were birthed, not

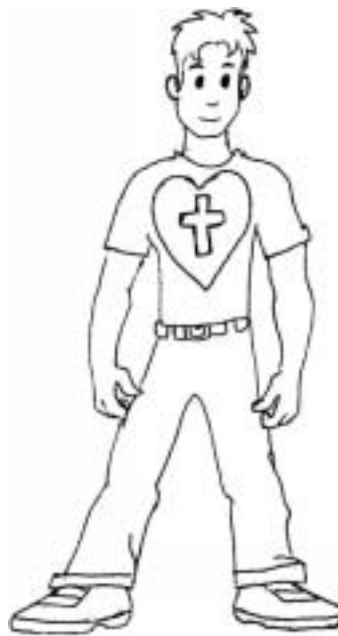


be absolutely moving in a bad spirit. They can be bringing something to you that is diabolical and wicked, but if your response is wrong, YOU have a problem! You have a problem! I have a problem! Before I can say it's your fault, I have to do a certain degree of self-examination and, very possibly and most probably, a whole lot of repentance. Of course, you're not like that. You don't have this problem. You've probably shaken off this world mantle of thinking. What I'm telling you, what the Bible is telling you, is how this heart thinks because it has the overshadowing influence of a diabolical creature that is called devil. It is his brain, or his DNA that you and I possess. I found rebellion in the Czech Republic. I found it in Slovakia. I

into the land of the living as it was in the beginning in the garden, but into the land of the dead in the condition of desolation, degradation, death, and hell. That's the nature. This is the attitude of that nature. These are the qualities and to some degree or another, you and I will find every one of those attributes working in us. There are three major areas that the Bible says that you and I have to overcome. They are the pride of life, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eye (I John 2:16). Those are the three positions, those are the three major doctrines of a satanic denomination that each of us have an affiliation with and for, because it involves worship of a being. On a spiritual level, they are a satanic administration of a devilish philosophy/theology. That's why the Bible says, **Let therefore this mind that was in Christ Jesus be...** where? On the table? In the drawer? In the desk? In the computer? In your little Bible program? **Let therefore this mind that was in Christ Jesus be...** where? **...be within you** (Philippians 2:5). Why? Because it's necessary for us to get out of this position, this carnal, natural place of thinking/mind. These are the doctrines that have become attributes, these are the qualities. Pride and lust are the qualities of that condition. Hallelujah.

Listen to this. It says, Ezekiel 28:17, **Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness.** Did you notice that everything is self-orientated? Everything is self-orientated. Turn with me over into Isaiah 14. I like to put these two scriptures side by side, because it's very defining of the nature of sin. You remember where Paul said in Romans, the seventh chapter, fourteenth verse, **For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.** ¹⁵**For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.** ¹⁶**If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.** ¹⁷**Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.** What is he talking about? Sin that dwelleth in me? You mean that in his soul somewhere there was a little compartment, a little box and in that box was something called sin? And every now and then that box would open and sin would pop up? Is that what he's talking about? No, he's talking about the nature of Paul, the son of so-and-so that was born in Tarsus. He's talking about all that nature that he was born with.

He says, ¹⁸**For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.** ¹⁹**For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.** ²⁰**Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.** ²¹**I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.** ²²**For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:** ²³**But I see another law in my members, war-**



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ring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. He's talking about that nature, that place, that culture, that nationality. Come on! It shouldn't take you as long as it took me to get delivered from some of your Americanism. If it did, then you would have to do everything that I did. You know, I'm just more hardheaded than the rest of you. God didn't take me around the world to teach people about the Word of God. God took me around the world to teach me about God and the Word that was supposed to be in me. Hallelujah. But you know, many of you are going to go out of this room and you'll say, well, maybe you'll say it was a good word, and you're going to get involved in life and you're going to forget. The result of that is that things are going to go just the same as they went yesterday, and the day before, and the day before, and the day before that, and you're not going to have any victory. Because you did not heed, you did not respond, you did not begin to motivate yourself to do what you needed to do. Paul did not leave us in the condition of desperation with regard to this position of sin, but he said, **O wretched man that I am!** First of all, the place you and I have to come to, is the recognition of our position of personal weakness and degradation. Some of us are so, so, so macho in our thinking with regard to whom we are! I'm not talking just about men. I'm talking about women, too. Come on!

It says, ²²**For I delight in the law of God after the inward man.** ²³**But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.** But he says, **who shall deliver me from the body of this death?** That's step two, recognizing the need to be delivered and looking for the



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solution. Step one is recognizing the position, recognizing the condition, *O wretched man that I am!* Last night, I was before the Lord in *O wretched man that I am!* This morning I woke up, and it was *O wretched man that I am!* For the propensity of my humanity, and the things that I have to deal with, "My God, I need to see the deliverance that is in You."

Step two, He says, *who shall deliver me from the body of this death?* Well, that's a valid question. Who's going to deliver you? Who's going to deliver me? He says, ²⁵*I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.* And, you know, that would still be a pretty dismal chapter if it weren't for the eighth chapter. You can't stop at the last verse of the seventh chapter because it's not a finished story. Chapter eight, verse one, *There is therefore now no condemnation*, take out chapter eight and just tack it on to the end of chapter seven as verse twenty-six. No, you leave

that chapter eight in there, because that eight is the sign of new beginnings. Hallelujah! *There is therefore now*

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no condemnation to them which are in... Oh, boy. Those that are **in**. Did you hear that? They that are **in Christ Jesus**. Right? Let me draw it for you. Right? I have Christ **in** me, but Christ is still subjected to me. Everywhere I go, Christ goes. Everything I do, Christ is there. Everything I say, Christ is there. Everything I do, right or wrong, Christ is there. Christ is subjected to me. Hello? I can't even imagine, hardly imagine, an omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent God, who describes Himself as the I AM, subjecting Himself to this type of an environment. How would *you* like to be totally and absolutely under *my* control? That's something Oliver is finding out. You wouldn't like it. And you know, some of our wives, the mentality is that that is the position, that is the place, and we're telling them that they have to submit. That's just a little side note there. All right, the other situation is me in Christ. Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). But the totality of the fulfillment of the Word, and the reality of the intent and the thought that God had in the very beginning is not Christ **in** me the hope of glory, but me **in Christ**. What happens to me? That means I can't do anything, **I can't do anything** that Christ doesn't do and sometimes this is my attitude and sometimes it is not. Of course, you don't have that problem, right? No problem there, right? You have it down, you have the formula, you have the revelation, and you have the ability to move in the Spirit. Well, something's wrong. Something's wrong.

There is therefore now no condemnation. Re-

member what we read there in John the third chapter? Do you remember the Scripture? He says, *this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world*, (John 3:19). Romans, the eighth chapter says, *There is therefore now no condemnation*. What are we talking about? What kind of Word are we talking about? What kind of position, what kind of place, what is it that God is seeing or making a demand on us? Hallelujah. Well, let's look at it. John the first chapter, first verse. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* ²*The same was in the beginning...* You know, I think the Bible could have just been written with a couple of verses. ²*The same was in the beginning with God.* Now, listen to what it says about the Word. ³*All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.* ⁴*In him was life; and the life was the light of men.* It says, John 3:19, *This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. Whose deeds? Your deeds. My deeds.* Do you know that God looks at evil a whole lot differently than what I determine as evil? Do you know, for a long time, I thought being a Christian meant being good?



That means I didn't drink, I didn't smoke, I didn't talk dirty, I didn't look at dirty magazines or dirty shows, or dirty this or dirty that. I didn't do any of these dirty little things that the whole world was doing. I was Mr. Goody-Two-Shoes. I was being good, so therefore, I was going to make heaven. That has nothing to do with it.

This position is what you call 100% position. That's 100% position. This one can be thirty and maybe, *maybe* it can be sixty. I don't know, maybe it can. I have some doubts about the sixty. The position, the place of reality that God wants to bring us to, is the place, the position of how He looks at things from His perspective. So it's really not so much, what you do, it's why you're doing it. You can do it to make heaven. You can do it to be good, but that isn't the intent, that isn't the desire of God. God's desire is not for you just to be good for the sake of getting

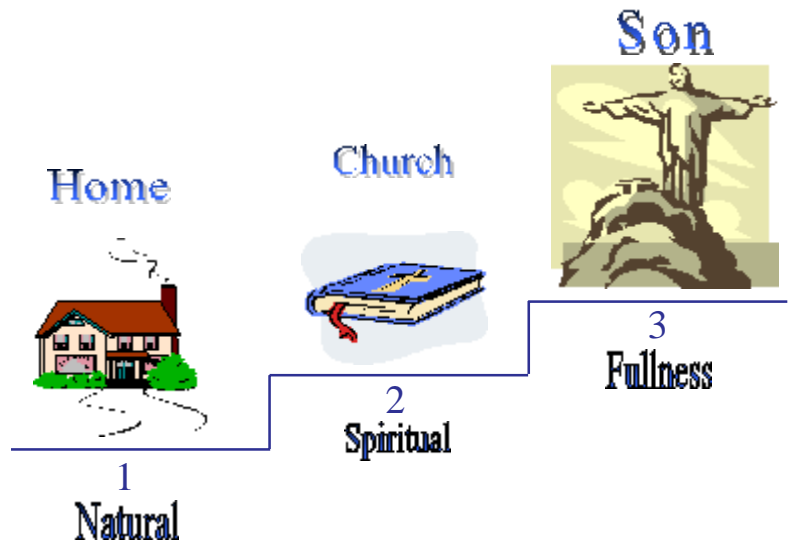
into heaven. God wants you good because of the nature that He wants to bring forth within you. Good is nothing more than a by-product of the presence and the reality of the intent that God had in the very beginning. Come on! Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Go back over into Corinthians.

II Corinthians 4:1-2, *Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; ²But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully;* My goodness. Not using the Word of God to justify our position of resistance and rebellion against the confirmation process that God institutes in our life to produce the reality of what is in His thoughts. **We're supposed to like tribulation.** How many of you like tribulation? Don't like tribulation? Then you don't see the reality of God. You don't. You don't see the reality of God. You do not look at it as an opportunity to grow. You're looking at it from a self-perspective; you're looking at it from a horizontal view. You don't have the reality of the thing that is around you that is called God. Paul, I thought he was crazy. You know, the first words out of my mouth when the heat goes on are, "Oh no, not again." It really should be, "Oh, praise God." "Oh, praise God." Even if it's (through clenched teeth), "Oh, praise God." That's an improvement over, "Oh no, here we go again." Or, "Why me, God? What did I do?" It's not what you did; it's what you didn't do, not yet anyway.

We're supposed to be a tribulation people. Oh you know, you're going to be tribulating a lot of people, you probably tribulate a lot of people now. Oh yes, oh yes, oh yes, you probably stick some people pretty good, but that's not what I'm talking about. What I'm talking about is the fact of the Word that is in you making a manifestation to such a degree that everybody around you who does not want to hear or want to see that demonstration of the Word that you are, is going to want to try to **expel** you out of their presence in some way, some manner, and some fashion. So, you're not only somebody who gets tribulated, you're somebody who creates tribulation. Isn't that what He said in John seventeen? Isn't that what He said? It's not that God won't give you favor here and there, but I'm talking overall, in the general sense. Hallelujah.

Some of us are involved in situations with personality conflicts on the basis of the righteousness of God that is working in our being, and because, to some degree, there has been some sort of change that has brought a disharmony into the fact of the situation that we might find ourselves in. But, quite frankly, that isn't for you to determine or assess, because some of you can go out of here and say, "Well, I'm that one, and you're this one. I'm plus and you're negative." Oh yes, I hear it in the Spirit al-

ready. You hear, "I don't think that way." Oh yes, you do. You do it all the time. You do it all the time with your



buddies and your families and your siblings and your sisters and your parents. You do it all the time. There's always this spirit of competition that is working to bring disharmony, disunity, a spirit of divorce, argument, strife and all kinds of things going on that are carnal, that bring us out of the realm of the heavenly into the realm of hell.

It says, "The way to life is straight and it's narrow, few, few there are..." I want somebody to interpret that for me. "Few there are that find it (Matthew 7:14)." Now does that mean that many don't find it? And if they don't find it, they don't get heaven? They get hell? I thought there was a real possibility in all of that. If that is true, what form of diligence do I need to exercise the fact of my calling and election? My calling and election is not dependent upon my wife, did you know that? It has nothing to do with it. It may help me get there a little quicker, or it may slow me down if my attitude toward her isn't what it needs to be. If I am thinking in my mind, "My goodness," which I don't, don't go out of here thinking this way, but I



can only use my situation. If I am thinking in my mind, “Lord, what’s wrong with this woman that you gave to me!?” God says, “It’s not the woman, it’s the man.” It’s his position of understanding, his position of sensitivity, his position regarding the reality of what it was that God really did give man. She’s not a servant, she’s not a maid, she’s not a cook; she does all of those things, but that’s not her function in eternity with regard to God. She is a part of the process of bringing together a corporate manifestation of the reality of the calling of God that God had in the beginning for us - together! Without me moving to produce Christ in her, I am not going to receive the full benefit of what I consider is my calling.

There is trouble in the homes. That’s the only conclusion that I can come to, on the basis of the Word that I’m bringing you. I didn’t come here with a pre-described, pre-determined thought that I was going to minister to you. Brethren, let me just put this illustration back, now let me do it this way. God does everything in threes, right? You know, we’ve had this principle. I believe I shared this briefly with you before, but I don’t know if you got the idea, or, I think maybe you’re just still working on the reality of it. Step one, step two, step three. You cannot have step two without having step one. You cannot get to number three without having step one and two; you can’t go from one to three without having two. You can’t start with three. You have to start on the basis of the natural. First the natural, then the spiritual. The first position, the first place, the first step is the home/marriage. If you don’t have one, you won’t have two. This is the church, as the bride of Christ, and this is the son or the fullness of the thought that God had in the very beginning. You cannot have this church two, if you don’t have this church one which is the home, and we don’t have this church two because we don’t have this church one, the home, functioning as it should function. The principles of dying to self are learned here in church one, the home, in the relationship between husband and wife. I’m not even going to be able to get into family today. The relationship between husbands and wives is the fundamental position. It is the foundational principle on which God brings forth the demonstration of the church.



...He said to me, “Burt, righteousness must not only be righteous, but righteousness must also always appear righteous.”

Unfortunately, we are not seeing that demonstration in the majority of the homes that are *in* the church, so consequently, what we have is confusion in the church because we have confusion in the home. There is a responsibility before the Lord that the wife has with regard to her husband, and there’s a responsibility that the husband has toward the wife before the Lord, and my responsibility is not to make my wife fulfill and bring forth the reality of her responsibility. Did you know that? Have you ever tried to make somebody do something they didn’t want to do? You don’t know anything about that, do you? Let me ask you a question. In the doing of it, was there peace and contentment? Well, the job got done, right? That’s the main thing, right? Oh, what’s a little collateral damage? Toe got

stepped on, a finger is smashed, there’s blood running all over the floor, tourniquets are applied to necks and legs and arms. What’s that? But the job got done. There should be some sort of sense of completion, right? It is the spirit of competition.

It produces an attitude of chaos, confusion... camaraderie? Does it build camaraderie? Compatibility? What does it build? So, what did you produce? You got the job done. You got what you wanted, but what did it produce? Did it bring forth Christ? Did it bring forth the Kingdom? Did it bring forth the reality of God? Did you deny the Word in the action, in the thing that you did, the thing that you perpetrated? When it was all said and done, did you repent when you knew that what you did was wrong? Or did you go on to the next one? Just go on to the next one. Well, we got that one done, let’s try this one now! You know, what does it end up being? **Being without form and void** and darkness, darkness filling. We don’t respond in the church, we don’t respond in the home. Until you respond in the homes, you’re not going to respond in church. If you don’t move by the auspices of the Holy Ghost in the home, you won’t move by the Holy Ghost in the church. Listen to me. Come on.

It was Isaiah. No, wait a minute, I want to finish up right here in II Corinthians 4. Verse 2, ***But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully...*** You know, he’s talking about the husband and wife relationship, also. Oh yes, “The Word says, you are to do so-and-so and so-and-so. Oh yes, you’re to be so-and-so.” ***...nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.*** Many years ago, a very godly man gave me a very important piece of advice

that I have indelibly inscribed upon my gray matter, and he said to me, "Burt, righteousness must not only be righteous, but righteousness must also always appear righteous." So, I am responsible with regard to how you think about what I am doing. I must make every effort, on my part, to make sure that, if you think wrong of what I am doing, that, before God, I have fulfilled my obligation of manifesting that righteousness to the total and extent of the degree that God has given me the ability to do. Why do you think the Bible says, "Abstain from all appearances of evil" (I Thessalonians 5:22). Why? Because God knows the environment in which you and I live, and knows the environment of hell that is trying to bring its manifestation in the lives of the believers.

II Corinthians 4:1, Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not...but...commending ourselves to every man's conscience... every man's ...in the sight of God. That takes away my position of what I think. "Well, I think I've done all I can do." What I think has nothing to do with it. What I feel has nothing to do with it. It is what I know that God is telling me about the situation. I have to fulfill that obligation of burden with regard to that thing that is being pressed upon me. *But if our gospel... What gospel? ...if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.* I'm

going to have to go home, and I am going to have to take my little tape and I'm going to have to put it in my machine and I'm going to have to say, "Did I say that?" You know, I'm going to have to practice what I preach lest I become a castaway, and lest I allow the worldliness of my soul to rise up and usurp. I need to begin to examine where and how and to what degree I can bring forth Christ in my wife, in my home, in my children. You know, I haven't even scratched the surface of it, brethren. We haven't even begun to comprehend the responsibility, the onus of the obligation of righteousness that is on us because we have received a Word from God that is something more than just getting into heaven or just hanging on until Jesus comes. I don't want to just hang on. I don't want you to just hang on. I don't want you to just be "hanging on by the skin of your teeth," as my mom used to say. I don't want to make it into heaven by the skin of my teeth. I want to walk in as a son. I want to walk in the midst of that heavenly crowd with a corporate expression of the reality of God and the totality of what it was that God wanted in the very beginning. It's not that some of you don't have a tough situation, believe you me. But it's not a situation that is tougher, or greater, or more exacting, or more trying than the situation that God has allowed you to be put in and He has given you the ability to overcome it. If you did not have the ability to overcome it, He would have never put you in that place to begin with. God bless you. ☺

Children's Sermon for the Day: Out of the mouths of babes comes the simple truth!

I was testing the children in my Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. I asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, Would that get me into Heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into Heaven?"

Again, the answer was, "NO!"

By now I was starting to smile. Hey, this was fun! "Well, then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?" I asked them again.

Again, they all answered, "NO!"

I was just bursting with pride for them. Well, I continued, "Then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD!"

-anonymous

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Standing In the Gap By Terry Smith

I was listening to the Bible on CD in Exodus chapters 8, 9 and 10. The scripture was telling how God told Moses to go before Pharaoh to say, "LET MY PEOPLE GO!" When Moses did go before Pharaoh, the reply was for the Israelite children to make bricks without straw, and to keep the same tally (Exodus 5:8). Many of the Israelites complained about this and wanted an easier way. Many didn't like being told how to do their jobs. Many didn't like Moses interfering with their lives as they were before Moses returned to Egypt. They didn't care that God wanted to set them free from bondage and slavery from a cruel Pharaoh (devil).

Now, when you stop to think about this in terms of you and me today, we see the same things that Moses saw. The only difference is that we are in a different stage of time. Many of God's children are still complaining that it is too hard and falling away into deception, which is an easier way or walk; one which puts them to sleep spiritually and requires very little spiritual energy or warfare; all the while believing that they have it all. The Bible is so unique in the way that God has written it that whatever a person is looking for in the Word of God, he will find it. If he is not looking for Christ, he will find other things. "If ye shall seek Me, I shall let you find Me." Isn't that a wonderful promise of God? If we seek Him first, as Matthew 6:33 tells us, God will let us find Him. Such wording even implies that God is hidden in the Bible.

HE IS! He is hidden by the Spirit of God. Jesus explains this to us in John chapter 3.

³Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God... ⁵Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God... ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

See how the Kingdom of God is hidden from the carnal mind. Only by the Holy Spirit of God can the Kingdom of God be discerned.

When we decide to press on into the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, there is an understanding that it will not be easy, and that there is a cost in pressing into Sonship. We have to give up all to gain Christ. We must overcome all our familiar and ancestral spirits that we were born with. Then we have to overcome all those spirits that are around us. That doesn't sound like a picnic to me. It sounds much like making bricks without straw. It sounds like you have to believe and hope in something that you can't see! It sounds like a walk by faith!

Some don't want to hear that it is not an easy walk to follow. Hmm - if they remain waiting for an easier walk, they have forgotten that they want to die to self that He might live in them. Matthew 7:14, *Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

We are to be like Christ Jesus our Lord. Was Jesus' walk easy? Was His death on the cross easy? If He willingly suffered so greatly because He loves us - what then, is a bit of difficulty to our life? Our suffering is nothing compared to the suffering of Christ. Philippians 3:10, *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;*

We are to partake in the fellowship of His sufferings. All those precious souls that choose comfort of their flesh, or doctrines of men that say, "It is already accomplished in us. We have no need to overcome anything." These dear souls must be desirous of an easier walk, or else they must have some "other than Christ"

mindfulness that has captivated them, or mesmerized their minds, much like Satan deceived Eve. We need to be sure we love them, anyway, as Jesus loved Judas Iscariot.

Scripture tells us that none will be snatched from our Father's hand. If we know loved ones who have chosen to step backwards instead of stepping deeper into the light, it would be very good to remind ourselves that if they truly are to be God's, He will save them. Not only will we become more confident in God's hand, but we will also maintain a position of love in our hearts for all souls in this situation.

Our Brother Paul knew how far away from God he was before God met him, and he gives us the most wonderful encouraging scriptures to hold on to as we press on into the kingdom of God. Let's look at a few of them: Romans 8:28,

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. ³⁸For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The book of Daniel also has a verse that speaks of such faith and trust in the hand of the Lord, whether He chose to deliver, or not - there is an absolute knowing that God is in total control of the situation. Daniel 3:17, ***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.*** We need to be sure to love all men, even when

they are bound by the anti-Christ. Our job is to love them. Discern the spirits, but love the people. The Holy Ghost will give you discernment of what a man is bound by ONLY for you to take it to God in prayer, never for us to tell to another. Sometimes God will give us discernment for a bondage in a person because we have overcome that spirit in our soul and we can more effectively pray for the situation because the grace of God

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If you discern a spirit other than Christ in a brother and it does not cause you to cry out to God in prayer for him – don't give any ear to it. It is diabolos. They lie to us to cause us to become blocked from hearing God, or to get us to not move in the love of God. The diabolos want to get us to believe a lie about a brother and get busy gossiping. I hope you understand what I am trying to say. Let me give you a few examples.

Before I knew the Lord, I attended a ladies

card club. Well, the most popular people there were the ones with the best gossip. I went for the "last time" with this big news of gossip. I wanted to be the popular one that night. My motive was selfish and not at all loving. I wanted to be the popular one, and I didn't care about anything else. Little did I know that the person was there that night, and God in His mercy let me fall flat on my face to work on my deliverance before I even knew Him. Needless to say, I was very humbled. (Humiliated may be a better word).

BUT God used that experience to deliver me from a gathering that was unhealthy for my soul, and being humbled so hard, I did become more guarded after that. (Remember, I was not yet saved.)

Now for a better example. One day, I was physically being attacked to discourage me from attending a gathering of some brethren. Knowing what it was, I was encouraged to go anyway. After a wonderful time, there were prayer requests.

One dear soul was prayed for to receive salvation. I knew that deliverance was needed from smoking, but it was not mentioned. God has delivered me from that evil and when He did, it was as Paul said – scales fell from my eyes, as the overshadowing and deception lost their hold on my soul. Aware of this need for this soul, I stood in the gap and obeyed what the Holy Spirit



put in my heart for this soul to receive their deliverance. The awareness brought a crying out in my soul for this other soul to be delivered. I wanted my brethren to be delivered from bondage.

After this happened, I wanted to know more about this standing in the gap for others. I wanted to know God's way to stand in the gap. Gap means (dictionary): an opening made by breaking or parting; an interruption of continuity in space or time; hiatus; an opening in - or a breach; a lag or disparity between conditions, ideas, natures. Disparity means: inequality or difference; unlikeness.

Now, what do we do when there is an interruption or a breach or a gap between ourselves and our spouse? We try our best to reach out to them in love and in prayer. We also try to let them know that we care deeply about them. We do not judge or criticize them, but instead we try to reach out to the Christ that is deep within their heart with our love. Right? If we judge, or criticize, we only make a bigger gap. If we tell them what is wrong with them, we only make a bigger gap. Right? Instead, we let the love of God and the Christ within our soul reach out to the Christ in their soul, and put our arms around them and tell them we love them. I'm sure that must be what we all do. Right?

It should be the same with others. When there is a big gap between ourselves and another person, we should quietly be kind and gentle and let the love of God touch their soul and reach out to the Christ within them. The love of God - what an amazing thing we are so very blessed with.

By the way, I began this article several days ago and I had to walk it through almost all weekend, and maybe even still - but the love of God is all encompassing and can break through any barrier without a word if need be. You realize that you have to trust the love of God to reach across all the GAPS that are in the situation as you pray and love; and let God have His wonderful way. So even in this we are exercising our faith and hope and trust in the Lord and His promises. God is so gracious to us, so loving, so careful of us - I guess that is why the term "tender-loving" is one of His nature attributes.

So in conclusion - if you discern a problem in a brother,

don't say a word to anyone - just take it straight to God and lift your brother up in love. Be willing to send the life of God that you have to strengthen your brother. Be willing to be broken like bread to feed the hungry. Be ready and willing to stand up and war that problem in the Spirit, no words spoken to anyone but God; thus bridging the gap between that brother. Isn't this what we have been called to do? To be like Christ? To be the "good Samaritan?"

Thank you, Father, for I had been asking for enlightenment concerning standing in the "gap" for another. It's that we stand in the power and might of the Holy Spirit to war on behalf of one that you love in the Lord. Jesus said, Love one another as I have loved you, so ought we also to love one another (John 13:34).

Remember to take the whole Word of God - the complete armor of Christ, so we can cry out in the Spirit for Satan to "LET MY PEOPLE GO!"

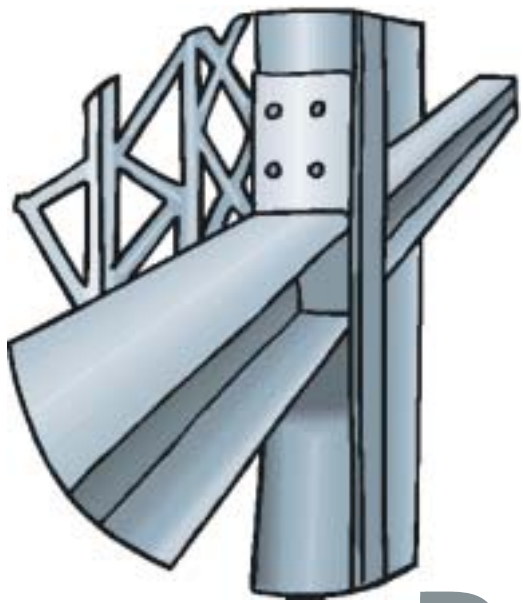
We need all the Body of Christ's joints and marrow and parts to be freely flowing in Christ. Don't criticize, just go to God and stand in the gap in Christ for another. Let's be part of the Body of Christ and flow for one another's needs as a conduit of the Lord. What is a conduit? A conduit is: a pipe or channel for conveying fluids; a fountain. Didn't Jesus speak of this to the woman at the well? John 4:14, ***But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.***

In him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. May God give this to each one of us to be a conduit to send His life to members of His Body - while we are praying for the enemy to, "Let My People Go!"

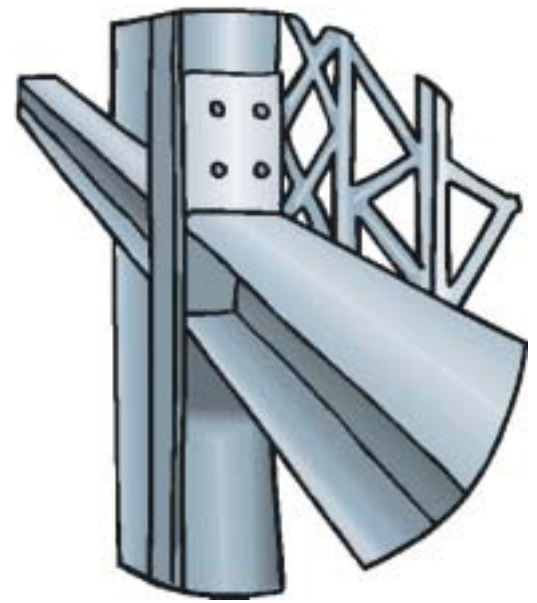
If we all become active Conduits for God to use to send His Life to His Body, we might be able to overcome all the blockages and stops in the Body of Christ. After all - REMEMBER JOB - His situation turned around when - HE PRAYED FOR HIS FRIENDS!

May Jehovah bless us and enlarge our hearts and minds to grow in His love for one another as we grow in His love.





A Time of Precision



Brother Peter Schneider
Sunday, July 24, 2005
Mahomet, Illinois



I got out of my bed early this morning. I've been doing that quite a bit. The Lord just spoke a Word to me very quickly as I was coming out of sleep, and He was talking about the hidden man of the heart. It seems to be, for me particularly, that that's what God is touching on. There are a lot of things that are in my life at this moment that are not things that I would have chosen. There are some things that are working in my soul that are not things that I would have chosen, not things that I would have walked in. My personal experience is that everything has gone up a couple of notches. Now, you may think, "Boy, you just hear that all the time." But I tell you what, I really am sensing something in the Spirit that it's not going to be the way that it used to be. We're not going to continue in any place of that sedentary way in this hour.

I have been reading about a man named Natan Sharansky. I don't know if you've ever heard of him. He is a Russian Jew, a dissident that came out of the Soviet Union. He was twenty-five years old and they stuck him in the gulag because he believed that God had made men to be free. You know, I believe that, but the Word says, "Don't use your liberty as an occasion to the flesh" (Galatians 5:13). God is getting down to the nitty-gritty with each one of us in our particular set of circumstances, things that are hidden.

You know, I go back to this word that God spoke to me. It's kind of like a benchmark for me. It has probably been ten years, **ten years**, since God spoke it to me. He spoke two things while I was driving on the Mahomet road that goes south by the Methodist Church. The first one, out of the blue, "Woe unto this wicked generation that desire a **sign**." The Bible says there's only going to be one sign, the sign of Jonah, three days and three nights in the belly of the earth (Matthew 12:40). And I thought, "Hmmm." That was it, He just stopped. It was kind of like what Stacy said – it just went into my hard drive. I was not really thinking about anything about God, you understand. I was just meditating on what He had just said and then He said, "And if your awareness of the coming of the Son of Man is in the visible realm, when you see Him, it will be too late for you." Now, there are some people who are going to see Him with their eyes that haven't seen Him any other way, you understand. He's coming in the cloud.

The next thing that He said to me was, "In that day, everything that is hidden shall be made manifest, everything that's done in secret is going to be shouted from the roof tops." I thought in my mind, "Hmm, I wonder who's going to shout my stuff." He said, "It's not about a man shouting another man's stuff, but even now the restraint is

being removed, whereby men, heretofore, have been restrained and they are going to begin to feel the liberty to do the things that were hidden inside their hearts that they did not repent of.” Now, that seems to me that God is saying something to me about what’s down in the old coronary region that is not natural. **Heart issues.** You want to know what’s in your heart? Let somebody prick you when you don’t think you deserve it. Let somebody press you, when you don’t think you have it coming.

I don’t know if you know, but I took a new job. My goodness, I thought it was going to be a walk in the park; it’s been a walk in the grinder. Actually, it’s been a crawl in the grinder. The man that I have been working for has been quite a hard taskmaster, extremely inflexible, extremely demanding. Now, that is not the guy that I’m working for that pays my check, but the job on which I am. And I’m hearing, “The hidden man of the heart.” Now, that means that whatever is inside of ol’ religious Peter is going to come out. Now, we can get out and quote the scriptures and hand out all the tracts, but if something hasn’t changed on the inside, it’s just religious Peter. And the fact is, I’m desirous to be numbered among the sons of God.

We have heard the Word, I don’t know if you have gone back and chewed it up, but that Word about Design, Form & Purpose, it is tremendous.

You can go all the way through the scripture and it begins to speak to me that God has an empirical design. You understand that He had a mindset, He had a determination and a desire to have sons from the very beginning, and anything less than sons is not sons. Do you aspire to sonship? If you do, have you assessed your position lately and what you are going to do to bridge the gap between where you are and where you ought to be or where you could be if you would really apply everything that you have heard? You know, God is talking about the hidden man of the heart, the inside things, the things where the rubber meets the road. We are really beginning to have those things pricked, and it’s kind of exciting.

Now, I’m out on the job and it’s like nobody likes me. The guy that I’m dealing with wants a certain thing. I’ll just tell you what, we got to dig holes and put footings in the ground and the steel has to be on a certain place, and

my goodness, if I thought I was qualified, I’m NOT qualified. I’m over my head to the max. I’m looking at blueprints that I’ve never seen the like of before and you’ve got to go from the rebar print to the structural print to the architectural print. I have to have the same detail on a line that is covered up with forty other lines and I have to be precise. You talk about precision; heretofore I’ve been sloppy! You’re not going to be sloppy out there; if you’re sloppy, you’re out the door. The job superintendent has been on me continually about the need for more progress and I finally told him, “You’re too heavy for me to carry and I don’t like your spurs in my side.” His response was, “Well, we’re going to get it done by November 28th.” I thought, “I don’t even know how this is possible.” It never came out of my mouth, but it sure was rolling around in my gray matter, “Is this guy nuts? That’s all he can say. ‘November the 28th.’”

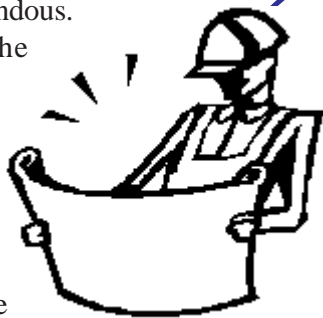
You know, God is saying something to us about the time frame in which we are living and we have lolly-gagged in some manner through the things that God is saying. He’s come to us and He’s said, “Listen, there is an empirical design. It’s fastened in the mind of God that He wanted sons from the time of Adam until now, only now they are coming forth.” Now is the time of the coming forth of the sons of God, the manifestation.

We are living on terra firma in the time that God is bringing forth sons. The problem is that we’re not in the place that we need to be. Now, the solution is to get from where we are to where we need to be. I don’t know that it’s going to be that easy, but it is possible. We need to understand what is the first order of business.

The superintendents came out after we poured this whole one hundred yards of concrete. Man, I was feeling pretty good, and my favorite superintendent appears on the scene and declares, “The rebar is in the wrong place.” “WHAT?!” “You know,

the rebar is sticking up and out; they’re in the wrong place.” Now, I could say, “No, they’re not.” And he’ll say, “Oh, yes they are.” And I’ll say, “How do you know?” He said, “I measured them.” Guess what? He caught me. You know why? I hadn’t measured them. Now, the fact that it wasn’t my job to measure them doesn’t mean that I was not accountable for the fact that they were in the wrong place. And they were in the wrong place!

The solution was to tear them out. Well, I’m not bad at math. We had 55 yards of concrete at \$78 a yard. Do



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the math. That's \$4,200, just like that. Is that right? Somewhere around \$5,000. Then there were ten men that were making about \$500 a day, putting them in. That's another \$5,000. That's \$10,000 out the door if we have to tear them out.

Now, the reason they were not done properly is because of the attitude of the people involved in the construction process. The work approach was sloppy. The guy who was in charge missed a page on the blueprint. Guess what? I'm in charge. The guy above the guy that was in charge also missed the page that's on the blueprint. That's me. My goodness, I was the one ultimately responsible as the "project manager" and I was needing a solution to the problem that a sloppy approach had created. "There's no way, no way that you are going to drill anything in this. Wal-Mart doesn't allow it. All the steel has to go all the way down and it's all got to be tied on every level," was the response of the General Contractor's superintendent. I'm talking about, 1, 2, 3 levels of steel and they have to be in this way, exactly, the center has to be... in the center.

You can not just put the rebar anywhere in there. We were pouring footings. While the guy is pouring cement, you cannot pull a rebar off the truck and flump it in the hole and hope it stays off the dirt. On this job you are not permitted to do it haphazardly. The job specifications say the rebar must be a minimum of three inches away from the dirt. The superintendent got down there on top of the footing with a measuring tape. He measured it and it was two and seven-eighths inches. He said, "This ain't three inches. Move it!" I thought in my irritated mind, "Well, humph, isn't it good enough?" You know, the fact is, I remembered the following statement had come out of my mouth while lecturing a man about his job performance just a couple of days earlier. "If you have to add *enough* to *good* (to make "good enough"), it's not right because it's either right or it's not right." It is either good, or it is not good.

My goodness, and this fellow, you talk about spurs in my sides, now he's sharpening them up a little bit. So now it's beg mode, because I have two choices. I went to the Lord. I said, "Man, did I mess up big time." I could have said that these morons down here didn't do their job, but the fact is, the buck stops with me. They said I'm the

project manager. I felt like an idiot. I hadn't taken care of business. "Too busy" was my excuse... You know, there's so much peripheral activity going on when we are putting that stuff in. Then they confronted us with the fact that we're behind the schedule. "We're behind the schedule." "What?!" "Yeah, we are turning this project over to the owners on the 28th of November." And you know what? In my mind I said, "There ain't no way." Do you know

what I know? What I think in my mind has no bearing. I may not be there, but they've already stated that this is when it's going to happen and it's going to happen with me or without me.

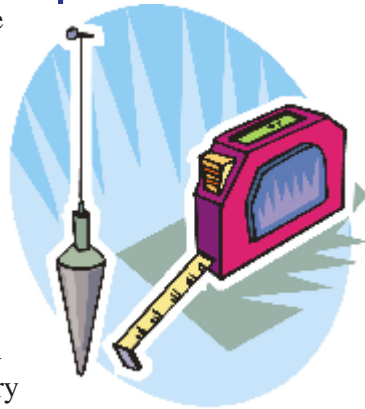
I see in the Word that God is judging some of those things that we say in our mind that never come out of our mouths, our dispositions and attitudes that are not in line with the Word. It's not like I just line up with the Word and everything happens; there are certain things that we have to begin to do. I got up when He told me to this morning. I

mean, I was getting up anyway, okay? I was going to the prison for the Sunday meeting. I wanted to go get my computer and look and find this "hidden man of the heart." So, I found it and it really is something that maybe we could shove off and say that it's referencing women, and in one sense it is.

*Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; ²While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. ³Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; (I Peter 3:1-3) Now, we can see he's talking about attitudes, he's talking about dispositions, you know, walking a certain way or doing a certain thing or saying a certain thing. But he said, verse 4, **But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible.** Not corruptible! **But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.***

Now, there is another important man on the job. He's a geo-technical expert and he's hired by Wal-Mart. After everybody says, "Hey, this is okay," he comes out and says whether it's okay or not, and if he says it's not okay, it doesn't matter who else said it was okay. It's not okay.

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It's kind of like God. Everybody else says, "Whatever. Praise the Lord, we can go ahead and do that." God says, "No-no, that's not okay." It is amazing.

Now, I used to think, "Burt, come on," - he's talking about all that God is teaching him in building and all this stuff. I thought, "God never taught me like that." That's probably because I was so sloppy I didn't care. You understand what I'm saying to you? I mean, I was not moved by that restraint and now God says, "I'm not giving you any option. I'm putting you in a grinder that's going to flatten all the you out of you." And he gave me this guy, this semi-belligerent superintendent that has a problem, and I don't know what his problem is, but anyway, it's been a big chunk of humble pie I have had to eat and I have been doing almost nothing but working. I worked forty-eight hours since Wednesday, trying to catch up to this schedule.

Well, you don't know it, but I was out there before I came here. I got men out there working today. We have missed four days of work because of rain. You know what the superintendent said? "You are still behind schedule." There is a Thursday morning Bible study that I have been attending, but I couldn't come because I was out there on the job site. I got out there and it started raining. Thursday at two o'clock in the morning, I woke up and I knew the ditches that we had dug were filling with water. I used to not care about the rain. I used to think, "Oh, hey, I'm going to get me a day off." No more. I'm thinking about the rain at two o'clock in the morning. At three-thirty, I couldn't sleep any more and I got up and went out to the job. Sure enough, they were full of rain, and it was a muck hole to get out there. Thursday morning, I was supposed to be in the Bible study, and I was up to my knees in mud and all I knew was that I was not going to be able to meet the schedule that I had been called to meet. Now, you could say, "Oh, well, there are other jobs." There are. But that's not the point. I believe that God stuck me in this place for a purpose to learn after all this time, "Mr. Independent, that it is not going to work the way you think it's going to work." There is a constraint that God puts on a man where he is liberated from his

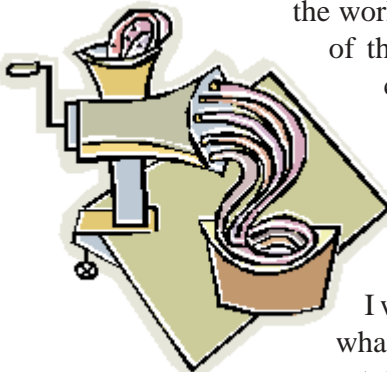
own attitude and demeanor and God is conforming us to the image of the Son of God. And if we are being conformed, then we are going to have to submit to the conformation process in order that the fullness of transformation might work something in us of a forever nature. I mean, I am so excited about this today... I want to tell you, as irritated as I was on the inside, probably the greatest irritation was that the superintendent was right. I really didn't have a leg to stand on. So, I was out there digging away and I was fighting with all these attitudes. One guy said, "I'm quitting. I'm tired of his attitude." I had to pull him aside and say, "Brother, you walked into a spiritual arena when you gave your life to Jesus." To one of the guys in that meeting, I said, "You don't have this liberty to get irritated and offended by some heathen's disposition."

So anyway, my man, the geo-tech boss, appears and he's got a blue hard hat on, isn't that funny? Everybody else's hats are white and red, but this little god guy's hard hat is blue. They said this man was terrible. "You won't be able to do anything right for him. Stay away from him!" And you know what? God, He has been so gracious to me.

Let me tell you a story about construction site spirituality in my experience. I remember the first time when I went to work at the Clinton power station, and at night, you know, we were out there and got kind of caught up in the stuff. We got into gambling and things at night. Now, this was in 1976 or 1979. Anyway, we got caught up in it, and all of a sudden, they changed our shifts. Many of the workers were doing all kinds of things, a lot of gambling, cards, buy this, sell this. It was chicanery. It was unclean. And yet because it was kind of dark, nobody had seen us, "Hey, you never knew I was over there," you know what I mean? Sometimes we get that mentality. So God shifted us, one day, from night shift to day shift. And I made a determination in my mind that it wasn't going to be the same on day shift as it had been on night shift. So, I got

my hard hat on and I wrote in big, old, fat, graffiti letters, you know, big bubble letters, "Jesus is Lord." I said I'm going to have a big old neon arrow so that I am not going to be doing on the day shift what I was doing on the night shift. It changed everything. But what it was, was just a demonstration that I was standing for something. I didn't

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know if some people might think, “Ah, that’s pretty religious.” But I tell you what, it turned me around from the direction that I was going, and when I went out to this new job site I said the same thing. Some of these guys know me from a long time ago, but that’s not going to be the way it is here.

So, this Chicago superintendent has been on top of me and God has been exposing the hidden things of my heart. Now, they told us that we had to be at a certain place at a certain time or they were going to jerk the contract. The way that they work it is if they jerk the contract, they go hire somebody to do what you were supposed to do. They don’t care what the price is; they pay them all; if it eats up your whole contract, so be it. If it is two hundred thousand dollars more, they sue your company for that. So not only do you not do the work, some other person does it, maybe sub-standard, then you don’t get paid and you have to pay them to do it. This is the big boys.

So, I see my little blue hat guy, the Wal-Mart geo-tech man whose name is Ed, and I thought, “I need to get on the right side of this man.” “Hey...um...Ed, what do you think of the ditch?” “Too much muck in there, take the iron out,” Ed said. What?! I’m talking about eight man hours worth of work for seven men to pull it out of the ditch. And he didn’t even bat an eye, “Pull it out.” So you put a crane in there, cut it in the middle and pull it out. “All right, now you see all that muck down

to Jesus meeting.” That’s exactly what his words were. Now, I knew what he was talking about. What if it rains? For three days it’s rained. You know, I was standing out there this morning. We are there. We’re where we need to be on the schedule and he gave us two additional days.

Then the other day the blue hat guy approached me in a very friendly manner and asked me, “Where do you go to church?” Now, all we’ve had is conversations about spiritual things. He said, “Where do you go to church?” I said, “Living Word Omega Message in Mahomet.” He responded, “That’s wonderful.” The next day he drove up to me and started talking to me about God. Blue Hat! We’re talking about God! These other guys are freaking out. They said to stay away from him, and we’re talking about God!

So, going back to the rebar that we did incorrectly, I said, “Ed, we messed up this rebar big time. We need to be able to drill in.” They have some stuff called epoxy. Now, on the plans it says, “Under no circumstances will epoxy be permitted.” Why, that shot that idea down. So we had to put in what’s called an RFI. They all do these initials. “Yeah, put in an RFI.” Then I had to say, “What’s an RFI?” You know what it is? Request For Information. “Why didn’t you just say, ‘Request for information?’” I’ll tell you what, my ideas stink as far they’re concerned. Forget it. If you want an RFI, that’s what you call it. An RFI. “Why do you always try to change things?” So, I had to put in an RFI; in the midst of all of that, I had to get all the paperwork done! I have to count the guys that are on the job. I have to say what they did. I got to tell you whether it was raining or not raining. I got to say whether it was eighty-five degrees or an hundred and sixty. And it’s all got to be on a piece of paper... I’m scratching it down and he doesn’t want scratched down information. He wants nice type-written work. And it’s all got to be in order and you have to tell what they did. So that means you got to go out there. Get out of your little glass office that’s air-conditioned and get out in the heat! You got to go do it. You got to get down on the ground. I’m telling you, it’s not anything like what I’m accustomed to.

But, Ed and I have developed somewhat of a pretty decent relationship. As a matter-of-fact, yesterday he said, “I’m leaving. I’m leaving at eleven o’clock. I have a dentist appointment.” I go, “Ed, we’re pouring like sixty yards of concrete.” No problem. He said, “Listen to me, I need to have you get concrete samples for testing purposes for me.” Every time you get a concrete truck, they get some concrete from each truck and put them in these little cylinders to test them at prescribed intervals. They need to have four of them, in order to test them at 7, 14, 21 and 28 days for compression strength. We’re telling them

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there? Get it out. It’s all got to come out. And by the way, the rebar was sitting on mud, now it’s dirty. It’s got to be cleaned. You’re not putting any dirty stuff back in there.” What?! Why, in the old days I would have just slopped it in there, mud and all. “Oh well, concrete will stick to it.” This ain’t the old days! And Ed said, “Before you do anything, you call me, I’m going to look at it.” Now, I’m all aware that we have this schedule going on and it isn’t moving very fast. As a matter of fact, Saturday’s coming. The superintendent’s big boss had told us, “If you aren’t at this place by Saturday, on Monday we are going to have a ‘come

that what we're putting in the ground is four thousand pounds of pressure per square inch. On the seventh day, it should be at a certain pressure, at twenty-eight days, concrete is at its full compression strength. It doesn't get any stronger. So they have to have four of the cylinders and it is crazy. I would say, "Okay, stop it in there." Nope, we're not stopping anything in there. Ed wanted to make sure



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that I knew how to do the test. He said, "Here's how you do it. You fill the canister one-third high; you use a smooth steel rod to move up and down in the canister in order that the concrete that is in the canister is an accurate representation of the concrete that is on the ground. The movement of the smooth rod simulates the vibration that is done while pouring the concrete into its proper place. It's got to be smooth. Move it around twenty-five times." How stupid can you get? Twenty-five?! Not twenty-four, not twenty-three. Twenty-five! You talk about offending my sensibilities. "Do you want to get it done or do you want me to count? 1... 2..." He said, "I want both. You're going to do both. Then you fill it another third and you do it twenty-five times again. Then fill it to the top and you do it another twenty-five." That's seventy-five. Then you have to fill four cylinders, so you do it four times. You know how many that is? **Three hundred.** Oh my. But the good part was, he said, "You get them, you do them, set the paperwork on my desk, I'll accept them." I have said nothing like, "Ed's coming!" Instead I will say, "Come on, it's okay. Ed wants us to succeed. He has regulations. They're not flexible, but he still wants us to succeed. As a matter-of-fact, he wants us to succeed more than we want to succeed because he isn't too thrilled with the superintendent in the office either." You know what I mean? Hey, that's the way it is. But it's exposing the hidden things in a man's heart. You know what I found out? I'm not where I thought I was. That's kind of scary, but it's created somewhat of a necessity in my soul to press in. It's better to know that you're not where you think you are, than to find out on the day of judgment you weren't where you thought you were. God help us to be diligent.

One of the areas that I found I am short in is love. I've been mediating on it since Brother duCille ministered about love. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am nothing, nothing, NOTHING (I Corinthians 13:1-3). Not minimal, not minimized. I'M NOTHING! I'm of no value! My value is incalculable because of its nothingness. And it's the love of God. I'm

talking about sonship this morning, **sonship** and the manifestation of the sons of God. If you could say one word that would describe the totality of the character and nature of the son of God, it wouldn't be prophecy, although it says that the testimony of Jesus Christ is the spirit of prophecy (Revelation 19:10). It wouldn't be the power to heal. It would be the love of God, where the man loved that

which was totally unlovely, totally unacceptable, from the harlot to the man on the cross, all of these people. Simons, all of them, there's a whole bunch of them, but the love of God was what He demonstrated and manifested. I want the love of God inside of me that the nature of my father has no power to manifest and eradicate the portion that God has delivered to me. And you know what He says it takes? Jeremiah was the other scripture He gave me. Jeremiah 4:4. My goodness and it's tough.

If thou wilt return, in verse one, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove. Or be removed. Verse 2, And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory. There is something that is greater. One of the things that I have found out about is that it's not about me. You know, sometimes we think it's about ourselves. And the whole thing, the whole totality of what God is doing is about bringing forth sons in the earth. The Bible says that all of creation is groaning for the manifestation of the sons of God (Romans 8:19-23). All, the whole totality of creation is waiting for the manifestation of what we say and believe that we are.

Yet we are lacking in some critical areas. I found out that I was extremely lacking. Hey, I thought I could get by. "Hey, just throw it in there." "Hey, just throw it in there" isn't getting it right. It's not getting it in the natural, and it certainly isn't going to get it in the Spirit. There are things that are exact and precise that God is after. Where I've been has no bearing on where I'm going. The thief had been a thief his whole life. The guy on the cross, he was a criminal, a miserable wretch his whole life. If he had based where he was going on where he had been, he was going to be in hell. But the Son of God intervened. There was something that happened that was cataclysmic on his journey into hell, and it was an awakening to the reality of the Son of God that was there. It was revelation

knowledge of the Son of God, of which some of us have a greater revelation of who He is and who He wants to be in us. God is calling us to a place of precision, where sloppy agape will not cover it. "Oh, let's just love one another. Praise the Lord." That is insufficient. He said, "If thou wilt swear the Lord liveth in truth" (Jeremiah 4:2).

I talked to a guy today, now he's in the prison, but he was talking to me about ministering to all these people about the Kingdom of God. I said, "You know what? The way that you minister, you could do it without saying anything." When I came out of the meeting this morning and walked past the line of all the guys, I started smelling cigarette smoke. I said, "Who's smoking a cigarette after that meeting?" Of course, nobody says anything, but it's kind of seeping out of his nose and he doesn't want to be fingered. "How is it that you can hear the voice of God and you can go back to your old ways? God help us!" And you know what? In many ways, I'm not any different with some of my things. It may not be cigarettes or smoking or whatever. But if God convicts you about an attitude and you don't do something about that attitude, why not? There is a process and it will continue.

I saw something that I hadn't seen before. You know, sin will change your countenance. It will change your persona. It will transform you into the image of something that you do not want to be. It is so insidious. It is insidious because it creeps, it is subtle. Did you know what insidious was? It comes from within. It's sneaky. It's like Nazism was insidious because it crept in; is that a close definition? It comes from within and it pollutes. Some of our attitudes are polluting our soul. Some of the things that we're willing to do, they bring a reproach to us even though nobody knows. I have seen people whose countenance has begun to change and it has become degraded. People that are willing to do things now that they weren't willing to do three years ago, five years ago, or ten years ago. Now they are willing to be seen in sin openly. They are dressing a certain way, talking with certain words; I mean, the words that I hear are offensive. I didn't say a word to anybody on the job site and suddenly someone spews out this blue vitriol, and then they look at me and say to me, "Oh, sorry." You know why they say sorry? Because they never hear me say that and maybe God awakens them right there. I'm talking about people on my job. By the way, the superintendent with the spurs, the second day it rained, he looked at me and he said, "I'm praying that there ain't no rain tonight." Hallelujah.

Just imagine this whole job, no walls, twenty times as big as this. Forty times as big. It's two hundred thousand square feet. And three-quarters of it is full of steel right now. There's steel on the ground, there's steel here, it's stacked here, there's steel this and that. It's all over the place, everyplace we're walking, and the superintendent

says, "Oh, by the way, if you step on it and get it dirty, we're going to back charge you for cleaning it." How unreasonable. Tough. Too bad. That's the way it is. It is a governance that I did not expect but I am into, and I believe that it is the Lord bringing a course correction in my mind. Hallelujah. Because there is a precision that God is after and if we do not have it, we're dead men! Because we've heard the Word, the Word can be required of us.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is (I John 3:2). I am telling you, you're not going to see Him as He is, unless He's in you of a truth. The only reason that you're going to see Him like He is is because you are like Him. You're not going to become like Him right when He appears. "Oh, there's Jesus. Now, we're all instant Jesus'." That's not happening. It is going to happen because there is a process that is working in you incrementally that is called transformation that comes by submission to the power of the son of God that's working in your circumstances, in your geography, in your person. Even in the person next to you that's rubbing you wrong.

I am rejoicing and I tell you what, we've been able to pray with men on the job that would not have otherwise prayed. One guy was on the edge of divorce. I said, "Brother, we can pray against this spirit and bind it and begin to walk in a different arena, confident in the thing that God said." I tell you, every morning, I go, "How's it going at home, brother?" Hallelujah. You know, there's something that he can get his teeth in. God wants us to demonstrate a viable reality that begins here. We cannot say and do not. We can't require precision and not be precise. We can, but then we're hypocrites, by definition. He said, ***And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth...*** (Jeremiah 4:2). How many of us have said, "Yes, praise God, the Lord liveth!" What's that song? "The Lord liveth and blessed be my rock and let the God of my salvation be exalted." I mean, there are all kinds of things that we can sing and say and not do. God is after somebody that's going to begin to do the things that they've heard. Put them in practice, apply the principles of righteousness and holiness. Maybe I'll need to get the tape and listen to it again, because you may think it's more for you than it is for me. Well, praise the Lord.

Jeremiah 4:2, ***...The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.*** You know, there's a residual; the whole of this nation is crying out for some people to begin to stand up and demonstrate a viable reality of God. You know, these guys in prison, they know they've tapped into something, they've touched onto something; it is the Kingdom of God. Hallelujah. God has delivered to them the Word and the gospel of the Kingdom

in order that they may be a part of that innumerable company. He said, in Jeremiah 4:3, **For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem...** You know, I looked it up. It said, "You should tarry in Jerusalem until you receive power from on high" (Luke 24:49). It said, "First in Jerusalem, then in Samaria and then in the uttermost parts of the world" (Acts 1:8). He's talking about a process that is working in your life and my life. **...the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground...** You know what fallow ground is? I see we've got some farmers in here. What is fallow ground? Unbroken, hard.

On one corner of this pad that we were working on, they put a sixteen-foot lift. That means they put in an additional sixteen feet of dirt. They started at minus sixteen, and they had to put dirt on it and they rolled the dirt with a sheep's foot. You know what a sheep's foot is? You know why they call it a sheep's foot? It is a big round thing that has a bunch of sticky-out things like this – metal protrusions. And then there are spaces in between each protrusion, so when it rolls... boom... it punches holes in the dirt. So they roll the sheep's foot up and down and up and down and it... My goodness, we got a huge backhoe on it and the dirt was coming out in CHUNKS. It was so hard. That's what I would think is fallow ground. You've

got to get hydraulics to deal with it. God's got to get hydraulics with some of us. Some of our dirt is so hard that you put the machinery in... You know, hydraulic is not just mechanical, it is exponential in its power and it exposes the hardness of the soul. You know, sometimes, you dig into this soft black soil, mmmm, it's like cutting through butter. Everything is perfect on the sides of the hole, it's just nice and pretty. But this stuff (fallow ground), first of all, when you get into it there's a big noise, gluoom, when the machine hits the dirt, and then errrrrrnnn, the machine groans and it chunks up and big chunks, as if it's frozen; you've seen when they dig frozen ground. Big chunks come off at the top and it ruins the whole ditch. Sometimes it's bigger than it's supposed to be, which means, in order to fill it, you're going to have more in it than what you thought. I mean, we got one ditch that's supposed to be six feet wide and it's ten feet wide, and the footing is 3

feet thick. Figure that out in terms of concrete. We were supposed to pour sixteen yards of concrete in one footing and it was twenty-eight! I'm sure the estimator didn't figure that. You know, we get caught!

I estimated that at this time in my life certain things would be happening. It is not going on the way that I estimated. There's a necessity of application as God is speaking to us and I think, in some sense, that's what He's saying to me. Our application has been wanting. Verse 3, **For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground.** BREAK UP YOUR FALLOW GROUND. That means that you and I have a certain responsibility, to assess, by the Spirit, where our problem

is. God will put His finger on your fallow ground. You know, there's some things that we've got covered over and nobody is going to see but they manifest in attitudes, in dispositions, in how we interact with one another.

He said, **Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.**

Do you remember the guy, in Matthew 13, that sowed among the thorns? What did he say it was? He sowed the seed around and he said the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, and in Mark 4, the lust for other things choked out the Word. It's in Matthew 13, Mark 4 and

Luke 8. As you look at it, some of the precise descriptions are very different in each one of the gospels. They are reflecting another perspective from God, because He didn't say the lust for other things in Matthew. He said the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches and what we have to understand is that each one of us has our own little cosmos. You're not involved in my cosmos to the degree that I am involved with it. You don't have to deal with some of the people I have to. I don't have to deal with some of the people you do. But there's a little mini-cosmos that we're moving in and there's also a greater cosmos that involves everything else. The cosmos references the orderly business that we're involved in, in terra firma, in this natural realm, and so mothers have a certain amount of cosmos that I don't have. You know, they have to deal with these four-year-old, ten-year-old questions, attitudes, demeanors, all that. I don't have to deal with them. Well,



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sometimes I do. But they're four and five-year-olds in twenty-five-year-old bodies, which in itself presents another problem. Don't sow among thorns. I mean, there are implications here, that we all have this perceptive ability, in the Spirit, to discern where we're sowing. Sometimes we are not aware because we have not been diligent in our preparation.

He said, in Jeremiah 4:4-7, *Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. 5Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities. 6Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. 7The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.* Do you know that a general from the Chinese government said if the United States interferes with China's operation in Taiwan, they will nuke the U.S.? (See Signs of the Times, page 42.) They said that they've already calculated that the cities from their eastern border all the way into Xian will be obliterated. What that tells you is that people are now thinking of the unthinkable. I'm going to tell you what, I've been alive since the invention of nuclear weaponry and there's always been somewhat of a cloud around it. I remember my parents, just when TV was brand new in 1963, in October, when Kennedy confronted Nikita Khrushchev over the missiles that were going into Cuba. I'm telling you, my parents never said anything, but looking at their countenance I knew that they thought we were toast. Because Kennedy said, "If you bring a ship in here, we're going to mount it, we're going to get on to it and if there are nukes in it, you're going to have a problem." And, for the U.N., they had pictures of silos that had identifiable nuclear warheads and it seems that that was the hand of God intervening. You know, only the United States has used nuclear weapons, but there is a drumbeat that is marching that's in hell, and you can



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see people that are morally weak that have submitted to the spirit of the age. The church is the only answer. Brethren, what would you think if God said, "You are going to be the remedy for the problem, if the Son of God be in you of a truth." It's a pretty stout responsibility. It's not just about knowing something more than somebody else. It's about an abiding reality of the sons of God that you have received by revelation and that you are grasping by faith with every ounce of your being.

The scripture in Romans 8:29, it says, *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son.* That is the design from the beginning. In Genesis 1:26-28, God's intent was to bring forth sons in the midst of the earth. The last two verses of Psalm 22 reiterate that very intent and purpose of God that was unchanging, unchanging, inflexible and absolutely precise, irrespective of what we thought of it. That's what I asked some guys, I said, "How long did they believe the earth was flat?" "Oh, I don't know, three or four thousand years." "How long was it flat? It was never flat and the fact that they believed it was flat didn't make it flat." And the fact that they don't believe that we are of the lineage of the son of God doesn't change anything! Psalm 22:30-31, *A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. 31They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.* There's a declaration that's done by behavior.

There is a declaration that God is making. Now is the time to take the Kingdom! Hallelujah. Rise up, ye strong, possess your land (Deuteronomy 1:21)! The kingdoms within have to be subdued before the kingdoms without are going to be assailable. We have not done with the internal kingdoms, what we could have done, if we'd done it with all our might. "But now," God says, "Now is the time." Precision is no longer an option, you're either going to get precise or you're going to get out, because you won't be able to stand the heat. Actually, He won't throw you out, you'll just be left behind, because

there is a requirement of an intensity of determination. What does it say in Matthew? He said, in 5:8, *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.* That means there is something that is working in each one of our lives that ought to bring us to a desire where we want to see God. It seems that Moses had an insatiable

desire to see God. Have you ever thought about that? I mean every time he saw God he would say, "I want to see You, I want to see Your glory, I want to see these things." There's something about men that want something in the visible realm. Have you desired? We're going to see Him as He is. Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure (I John 3:3). That's action. That's demonstration, and it's not so much without as it is within.

You know, it isn't easy to get up at five o'clock in the morning. "Awwh, I can do that." It's even not easy to do it without an alarm clock. I haven't used an alarm clock, but I tell you what, God's pressurized my situation where I went to sleep at the table last night, but I woke up at about three-thirty this morning because I knew that I had to be someplace. God is working something in my soul, for which I thank God. I have no disposition that it is going to be easy, but I have prayed, "Lord, I want to be like Jesus.

I want to be numbered among the Sons of God." Sometimes, it's good that we don't know the price.

I know I've settled one thing in my mind: To be a loser in this hour is going to be a lot tougher than it will be to be a winner, no matter how tough winning is. You know, the Olympic guys... Lance Armstrong is not hoping to get twentieth place. "Yeah, I've just got one more race, I'll try for twentieth place." He's a hog. He wants first place. Nobody trains to be the bronze medalist. "Oh yes, all I want is the Bronze." No, everybody wants the Gold. Everybody won't be getting the Gold. The man that hungers and thirsts after righteousness will be according to the Word of God. ***Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth*** (Matthew 5:5-6). Those are attributes of the Son of God. They are attributes of the nature of God. Meekness is an attribute of love. There is no such thing as arrogant love. The two things are oxymoronic. They're mutually exclusive. Love is the nature that gives and gives and gives and gives, especially the agape love and if we're going to be in that place that the Son of God was in, we've got a lot of work to do. He has a lot of work to do in us and He's looking for somebody to say, "Amen. Whatever it takes, Lord." See, I personally believe that the time is so very short that the engines have been quickened and the pressure is exponen-

tial. I don't know, but you guys may be in a place of ease and vacation, but I'm certainly not. I trust that God is working in each one of our lives to bring forth that nature of the Son of God. He said we've got a responsibility. A. Don't sow among thorns. B. Break up the fallow ground. C. Circumcise yourselves unto the Lord. That means there are a lot of things that we do that are contrary to the disposition that we say we have. Did you follow me? We say certain things like, "Praise the Lord." Did you really mean that?

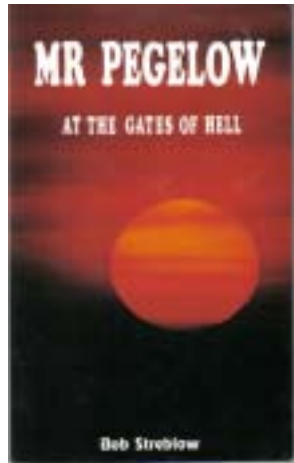
Well, I found out my friend, Ed, the blue hat geo-tech man, who's supposedly the enemy of all of us out there... he finds me wherever I am on the job and we have a little fellowship. As a matter-of-fact, I gave him a Pattern and a Mr. Pegelow. He received them graciously and it's because of the power of the Blood. There are men there that I'm finding that love the Lord, that want to hear. I gave one of the cement finishers a Mr. Pegelow, and the next day he said he'd read it and he needed another

copy so that he could give it to his wife. One of the iron workers read it and asked, "Do you have any more of them?" God is placing us in certain places that we might be able to affect the residue of humanity that we come into contact with. It's not right for us to just be the sons and nobody knows it. God help us. Hallelujah. I certainly covet your prayers. I'm not too much into this twelve hours a day, six days a week work schedule, I can tell you that, especially in the pressure cooker. See this face? I mean, it's red. You ought to see it from the inside, it's beet red. That's what is happening to everybody out there, you know, and God is working in the midst of every life that is appointed to sonship.

I tell you what, that Bible Study at Kan-Doo (early Thursday mornings) is tremendous. I missed it this Thursday, but I try to avoid that. Anyway, I thank God for what He's doing in my life. I thank God for the pressure. I thank God for the confidence that I have that God delivered a message to us in this hour that it might be appropriated. And if we are strong in many parts, then the Body will be strong as one part.

Let me just finish and we'll close with this scripture and you're very familiar with it. I'm telling you, I'm being confronted with the things that I did that I shouldn't have and the things that I didn't do that I should have, and it's not something that you want written on the wall. ***Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels,***

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Signs Of The Times



CHINA: WE'D NUKE U.S. IF PROVOKED OVER TAIWAN

Major general says Beijing prepared to use WMDs against American cities

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A Chinese military official says Beijing will use nuclear weapons against the U.S. if the Americans attack the Asian nation in a fight over Taiwan.

"If the Americans draw their missiles and position-guided ammunition on to the target zone on China's territory, I think we will have to respond with nuclear weapons," Zhu Chenghu, a major general in the People's Liberation Army, said at an official briefing, according to the Financial Times.

Today, however, the Chinese government distanced itself from the comments.

"What he talked about were just his personal views," said Shen Guofang, an assistant minister of foreign affairs.

Speaking at a function organized for foreign journalists, Zhu noted the definition of China's territory includes warships and aircraft.

"If the Americans are determined to interfere [then] we will be determined to respond," Zhu said. "We Chinese will prepare ourselves for the destruction of all of the cities east of Xian. Of course, the Americans will have to be prepared that hundreds ... of cities will be destroyed by the Chinese."

The Financial Times notes Zhu is a self-acknowledged "hawk" who has warned previously that China could strike the U.S. with long-range missiles. But his threat to use nuclear weapons in a conflict over Taiwan is the most specific by a senior Chinese official in nearly a decade.

Zhu is not the first Chinese official to mention the use of nuclear weapons first in a conflict over Taiwan.

Chas Freeman, a former U.S. assistant secretary of defense, said in 1999 that a PLA official had told him China could respond in kind to a nuclear strike by the U.S. in the event of a conflict with Taiwan.

"In the end you care more about Los Angeles than you do about Taipei," Freeman quoted this official as saying.

Though official U.S. policy on Taiwan is that it is part of mainland China – the "one China" policy – President Bush has said the U.S. would defend the island republic if it were attacked by Beijing. ☞

and have not (love), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. ²And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not (agape), I am nothing. I am nothing! ³And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. It seems like those are the extremes that we think, "Well, surely this would be a definition of somebody who had the love of God in them." Love, verse 4, *suffereth long, and is kind. Love envieth not. Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.* He tells us what it is and what it isn't. Verse 5, *Doth not behave itself unseemly.* Now see, I have a problem there. I could go back and see where I was unseemly and go, "Whew, man." UNSEEMLY. ...*seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil.* I was thinking a lot of stuff about that *tin the truth; ⁷Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth. Never fails! But whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.* And I think that's a key. *⁹For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. ¹¹When 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.* Responsibility! Accountability. And God holds us accountable and responsible in those areas. When I was a child I thought as a child. Maybe we had an excuse, but now we can't excuse ourselves because we're men. *¹²For 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.* You know, there's Somebody who knows you better than you know yourself. That's what's scary. God knows us more, He knows the little secret things, the hidden things, He knows how two things of our disposition coming together are explosive, like nitro and glycerin. ...*but then shall I know even as also I am known.* You remember the song, "That I may know Him, wonderful Lord." Hallelujah. *Now abideth faith, hope and love, agape, these three; but the greatest of these is agape.* Verse 31 of chapter 12. *But covet earnestly the best gifts: Colon. And yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.* God help us that the love of God would flow in and out. Amen.

I want you to know something: I'm not sniveling or complaining, I'm just reporting to you. And it's really pretty exciting to watch God work, so thank God for His mercy. Thank God for the prayers of God's people. Thanks for the Blood. Amen! ☞

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OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES AND SUCKLINGS HAST THOU ORDAINED
STRENGTH BECAUSE OF THINE ENEMIES, THAT THOU MIGHTEST STILL
THE ENEMY AND THE AVENGER. PSALM 8:2

By Isaac Trotter

A few weeks ago we heard a children's word from Mrs. Davis. She was talking about the Body and she had a little man and she would take off some parts of the body, making it look like us; when we are not following God, we're taking parts of our Body off. So we should start following God at all times. The end.

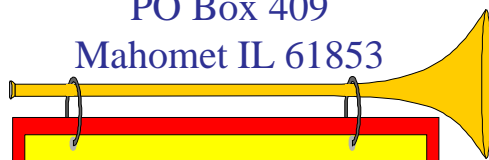


By Caleb Trotter

I am trying to be like God, but I lie a lot. I repent all the time, but it always comes again and I lie again when I know I should not. But this time I am going to repent and I am never going to lie again. The end.

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