

Keeping In Touch

July 17th, 2005

*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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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

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Dear Brethren,

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Most assuredly, God is moving in the midst of His people, and we are definitely encouraged and excited to bring you what the Lord has delivered to us in the pages of this bulletin! Coming off the July 4th conference, we have some testimonies from our bulletin staffers. We have two words from Brothers Martin Kluson and Jiri Kotrla which will definitely encourage and edify you. Also, be sure to check out our spotlight on Brother Martin Hloska and find out what God is doing in his life! And, we want to give a warm welcome to our newest addition on the bulletin staff, Sister Katie Sigwarth!

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DESTINATION DETERMINES THE WAY

Martin Kluson
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Father, we ask You to reveal unto us Your mind. I ask You to lift us up from the level where we are at to a higher level so that we would be able to see Your purpose. Lord, You are the God who doesn't know time. Lord, You are not limited by time and Your thoughts are not moved by time. So I ask that You would lift us outside of time. I ask You, Lord, that we would be able to get out of the moment we find ourselves in. Lord, that we would be able to get our minds off the last half-hour as well as the future half-hour. Lord, that we would be able to look at our lives differently than as if it was a plan for the year to come. Hallelujah. And so, Lord, we present this time to You. We give You all rights and all liberty. May Your name be exalted above all names and in the name of Jesus Christ we bind every spirit that would come to slow us down from hearing You. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Every builder, before he starts to build, makes a plan. Maybe to some of you this phrase sounds familiar. It is a quotation from The Pattern. Amen.

It is important to realize that God has His purpose. If we, as people, have a purpose and we submit all we do to that purpose, then in the same way, God does everything according to His purpose; He also rates everything by His purpose. The importance of things is measured by how they fulfill His purpose. Whole theologies, whole generations missed God's purpose. They were trying to explain God's laws and God's commandments outside of the purpose of God and they were never able

to come to the right interpretation.

If I build a house and give my bricklayers a part of the work plan, but they don't understand what it is supposed to be used for, then they can make a mistake and work in a totally different direction. That's why it is important for us to know God's purpose and God's destination. Amen? Amen.

God has put into His Word several pictures, several plans. It is the same way when I build a house, I have several pictures on several levels.

First of all, I have the whole purpose in my mind. I have a purpose that I want the house to serve. There are several things I want the house to fulfill, and I have an idea in my mind of what I expect. When I talk to different people, I have to use different ways to pass my ideas on to them.

When I talk to my wife's father, who draws the house for us, then I have to tell him how many meters wide it is to be. I have to say where I want my gas to be placed. I have to say where the oven is going to stand, what size the heating is going to be, and anything else. When I talk to the people from the power company, I have to tell them how many kilowatts I am going to be taking per month or year. I have to draw them a plan for how my electricity is going to be set up, where it is going to be switched on, and where the fuses are. When I talk to my wife, I have to tell her how many sinks there are going to be and what color each room is going to be. But I am still talking about one house and all of the information leads to one purpose – I want to live there.

I should be able to explain each thing that is being built in my house. I should be able to explain what purpose it is going to serve and how it is going to fulfill the initial purpose. Hallelujah.

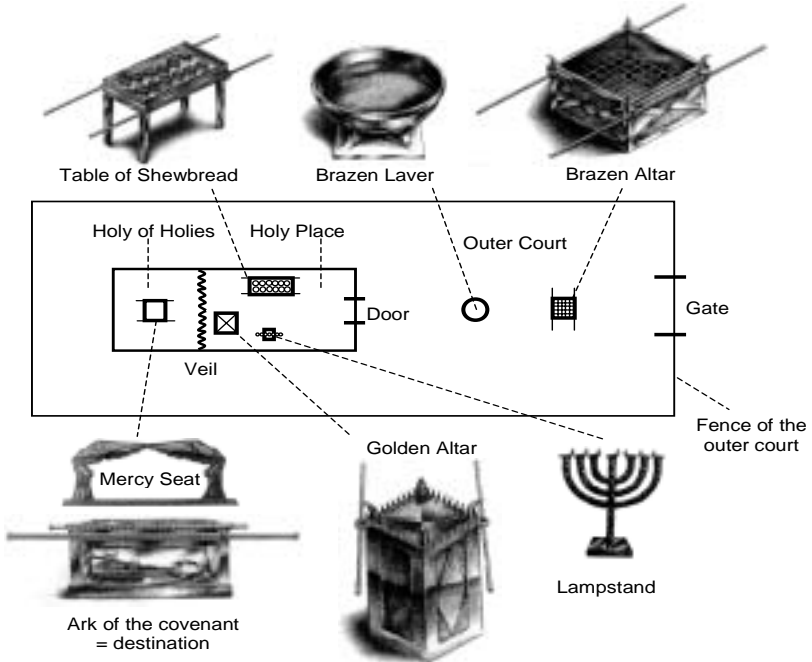
One of the pictures God has given us is a picture of the tabernacle.

Which one of you has ever put together puzzles? Amen? I don't know what method you have, but I always tried to find all four corners first. I always found the four corner pieces and then out of all those little puzzle pieces I chose the edges. I made a little frame out of them and I knew that all of the little pieces had to fall into that frame. No little puzzle piece can be outside of that frame.

So everything that is happening has to fall into God's framework, into His purpose.

God has given us a picture of the tabernacle. What do we know about the tabernacle? We know the tabernacle has the Outer Court, we know it has the Holy Place, we know it has the Holy of Holies. We know

it has pieces of furniture and we know what those pieces of furniture mean. We know that the boards, as well as some of the pillars, are made out of wood and covered with gold, and we know that some of the pillars are made out of bronze. Amen? What is it good for? What is all this knowledge good for? God is revealing to us His purpose. Where is this purpose found? This purpose is found in the Holy of Holies.



Why did God give us the tabernacle? Who knows why God gave us the tabernacle? So that He could meet with man. Amen. God said, “Build a tabernacle so that I could meet with man (Exodus 25).” It means that God had to find a way where He could meet with man. God’s purpose is to meet with man. God’s purpose is not for us to have traditions and routines, to have furniture, sacrifices and bread, but God’s purpose is that He could meet with us. If the priest had gone through the whole tabernacle and at the end he had not met with God, then the whole thing would have been for nothing. Amen? It wouldn’t have had any meaning. So when the priest was going through the tabernacle, there was a great expectation, whether or not he did everything right and whether or not he “qualified” for God to come. There was a great expectation to know whether or not the sacrifice was good, whether or not the smell was pleasant unto God so that He would come down. And God came down and met with Israel. Amen?

We are trying to walk the same way. We are trying to walk very carefully in order for us to be able to, at the end of our walk, meet with

God. Amen?

God has His purpose from the very beginning. Let us look into Genesis. If we talk about the beginning, then it is necessary to read Genesis. We are in Genesis chapter 1 and verse 26, ***And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*** And let us look into Genesis chapter 5 and verse 1, ***This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him.*** God said, “I am going to make man in My image and after My likeness.” We have to understand that God’s Word is perfect. God had to squeeze Himself in between the covers of the Bible. God doesn’t waste words and God doesn’t make mistakes. God doesn’t care about poeticism or what looks good. So when God says that He had a purpose to make us after His likeness and in His image, then these are two things which have a different meaning. Then in verse 27 of the 1st chapter it is written that God made us in His image. It means that He is revealing to us that He didn’t fulfill a part of His purpose at that moment.

God created man. At the beginning, when the animals were created, Adam gave them names. He saw he was missing a partner, he was missing a helpmeet. I believe he had fellowship with the animals. I believe there was a measure in which he was able to share with them. Maybe some of you have a dog or some other animal and you know that, to a certain extent, you can have a kind of friendship with him/her. But it was as if Adam didn’t find it to the extent that would be equal to him, as if he didn’t find a level on which he would be able to share in fullness. Have you ever thought why God did it in such an order? God had enough of His Spirit and could have created Adam as well as Eve the same way, and then they could have named the animals together. But God wanted to show Adam the need that Adam had. And because Adam is made in God’s image, then it means that even God has the same need. Adam saw that there was no helpmeet for him equal to him; he saw he was missing something or somebody “who” would be able to respond to his love. It is the same way with God, why He wanted, from the beginning, to create somebody who would be equal to Him.

I think in the traditional church I would finish at this moment. Amen? I think they would come for me and say, “When you say that we are to be equal to God, it is a heresy from the beginning.” But I see nobody has come as of yet, so I am continuing. ☺

God has never thought of giving us divinity as He has it. We will

never be equal to God in the sense of being creators of ourselves, or telling Him what He is to do. But God wants to make us so that we would be able to share with Him in His purpose on all levels. God wants to elevate us and call us His friends. Amen. As we have a need, even God has a need. **God has a great need to have people who are able or made able to walk with Him and talk with Him on the level where He is. That is the most important thing.** Hallelujah.

This is a purpose all religions are missing, including traditional Christianity. Religion separates God from man. It says that God is somewhere up there, He is holy, exalted, and His mind cannot be comprehended. A man, then, is small, low, sinful, limited by time, and his mind is limited, too; and he was created to keep God's laws. Amen?

But this is not true. God has decided, because of His need, to come down to man and lift him higher - to Himself. And because we were created in His image, everything we do, we do because God does it. We do it on a natural level. If we are able to breathe, then it is because God is able to breathe. If we have hands, then God also has hands. If we have a strong right arm, it is because God has a strong right arm. If we have legs, then it is because God has legs. It is a picture in the natural so that we would understand the spiritual.

For example, would you like to have a partner who doesn't have legs? Don't misunderstand me now. If your purpose were to go for a walk with him, you would want to enable him to be able to walk with you. You would want him to have eyes so that he would be able see with you. You would want him to have a mind so that he would be able to share with you, so that you would be able to flow together. That's why God has given us, on the natural level, the same "equipment" He has.

However, we can see that God had a double-leveled purpose, a purpose on two levels. If you want to ask what God looks like, then I could describe a man to you. I would say: A man is spirit, soul and body; he has eyes, he has a nose, hands, legs, he walks, breathes, thinks, blood is flowing through him. But God has a purpose that I could say in the FULL extent, "If you want to see God, look at me." Amen? This is what Jesus told Philip when he asked Him and said, "Show us the Father!" (John 14:8-9). He replied, "I have been walking with you for three years and you have not understood it yet? If you want to see the Father, look at me. I love as the Father loves, I forgive as the Father forgives, I think as the Father thinks, I will save as the Father saves, I get angry as the Father gets angry." Amen? Do you believe God gets angry? Amen? Jesus didn't come to the temple and say, "Excuse me..., pardon me..., could you please take your money out of the temple...?" Jesus came with a

whip, for He saw His Father being as such.

Jesus Christ is one of the designs. As I was talking about the house, He is one of the drafts of the house. The same way as the tabernacle is a drawing that has different dimension lines and numbers, Jesus (Christ) is a picture in which you can see colored windows and how the final work is going to look. God has a purpose to have sons at the end; He has a purpose to have people who will walk with Him - and it will not be only one man.

This is our framework for the puzzles. Amen? All the rest falls into this framework. So with all that is being preached, with all that is being spoken, we have to seek how it fulfills God's purpose. Hallelujah.

Let us look at several pictures. Amen. I also want to say one thing that I have probably forgotten to mention and have in my mind right now. If you do a work, a project, then you first determine your objective. Is it so? You are not going to start building before you have the whole house laid out. Amen? You have the whole house in your mind first.

When my brother was building a house, he "created" a model by cutting it out of paper and said, "This is going to be my house." This was the beginning of his building. And so, God, because we do things according to Him, thinks the same way. God looked at the end and said, "What do I have to do to fulfill my objective?" You know, it is a trivial thought. It is a trivial thought, however, we despise it in our lives. Do you know what I am talking about? I am saying, "Do not think about what you are going to do tomorrow. Do not think about where you are going to go and what you are going to do, how many children you are going to have and what kind of house you are going to build, until you have marked out the final purpose for your life." Amen? We have been doing worse things with our lives than with our houses! We would not be such fools that we would build a house without knowing how it is to look at the end. We would not start building and say, "I am now going to build a wall here 10 meters long this way. And hmmm... It is not so bad that it is made out of bricks. I have seen at my neighbor's house how he has it made out of stone, so I will try to build another 10 meter wall out of stone perpendicular to the one I made out of bricks."

Where do you think you would end up? Confusion! Chaos! No use! No purpose! Why then, if we laugh at this, do we deal with our lives in this way? We say to ourselves, "Well, now I will attend this school... I don't know what I am going to do afterwards, but now I want to go to this school. And maybe I could... How about this girl? She is quite pretty. I am going to date her now. I don't know what is coming

afterwards, but I can date some other girl later on... I don't know what I am going to do over the weekend, maybe I could go for a trip or I could go to church." And your life is going without any purpose. What are we expecting? What are we expecting of our life, which we have been dealing with in such a way? Amen? Can you say, "Amen"? Hallelujah.

The revelation God is giving us should change our lives. I believe this is the reason why we are here. For example, I strongly hope that you didn't say to yourselves, "I will go to the conference," but that you are here because you are pursuing a greater purpose. When I push the button of a TV set, I have to ask myself in which way it fulfills my purpose. When I look for a partner, if we should even be looking for a partner, I have to ask myself how he/she will fulfill that purpose. Amen? If I don't understand which way my partner will contribute to the fulfillment of my destination, then I don't need a partner. I should submit everything to that final destination. Every decision should be considered by that destination. I will take a map and say, "This is my destination," and at every crossroad I ask myself, "Which one of the roads leads or doesn't lead to that destination?"

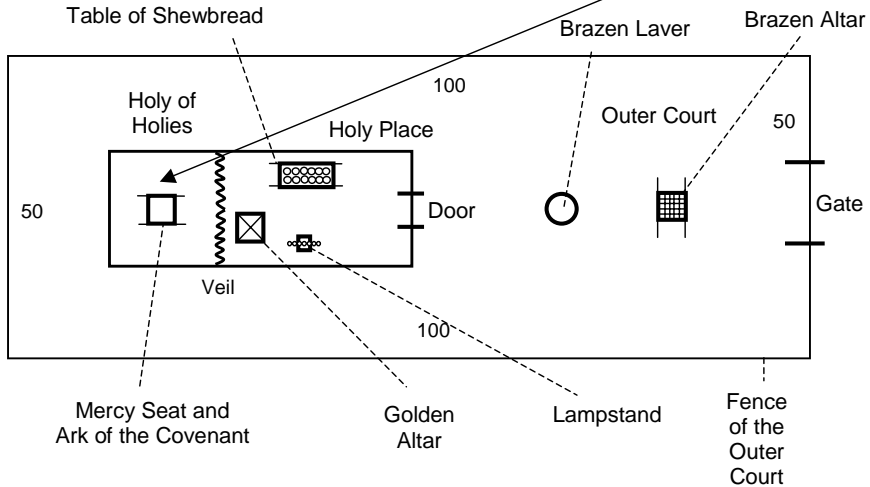
This is one of the greatest revelations God has given us, especially to the young people. So let us first agree on the purpose and then let us look at which roads lead to it. The purpose is that God wants me to be a son of God, who will have the same mind as God does, who will have the same capacity of love, who will have the same desires, the same will, the same emotions. God wants the words I speak to be His words so that when He gets up, I get up, so that He could share His heart with me, so that I would be able to understand it and that I would be able to return it to Him, that I would be able to be moved by it and I would be able to act according to it. This is the plan of my life. Amen? This is my purpose, which I have in my mind. This is my house.

I will ask you now, in order for me to know whether I can continue, if those of you, who are able to liken and identify yourselves with this plan, can say, "Amen." Amen? Hallelujah. So, I assume this is the reason why you are here at this conference. This is the reason. The fact that you are sitting here at this moment and not somewhere by the lake is because you believe that sitting here leads you to the fulfillment of that purpose.

You know, Joshua told the people, "Say if you want to follow the Lord." And the people said, "Yes, we will." He replied to them, "You witness against yourselves (Joshua 24)." So, you have said now that all you do, you do in order to fulfill the purpose to which you have raised your hand. At this moment, you have allowed the Holy Spirit to follow

you and remind you of your vow and say, “The thing you are now doing or have decided to do is leading you away from the purpose which you have set for yourself.” Hallelujah. God has not only given us the destination, but He also reveals to us the way.

Let us first look at the tabernacle. Our destination is here.



The destination in the tabernacle is to get to the Holy of Holies and in the Holy of Holies meet with God. The priest took the sacrifice and carried it from the beginning as far as the Holy of Holies. The steps which he had to go through are represented by different pieces of furniture.

It doesn't matter what we think about the way. We only determine where we want to get and if we said that we want to get to the Holy of Holies, then the way is given. You know, people say that there are many roads to one destination. There is a saying in the world which says that all roads lead to Rome. It is true except for one. Amen? Hallelujah. So if you want to get to the Holy of Holies, if I use this picture, I will tell you what you have to go through. And I ask you, do not resist and do not try to find another road, for if you want to take another road, then you will end up somewhere else. If you have made your decision that your purpose in life is to get into the Holy of Holies, then you don't mind which road you will have to take or what circumstances that you must pass through, but what matters is that you will get to the destination. Amen? Amen.

So the road leads the following way: First of all, you have the fence of the Outer Court. It consists of pillars. The pillars are made out of bronze and placed in bronze sockets, which talks about judgment. There was linen stretched in between the pillars and, if I am not mis-

taken, the linen was held by silver hooks, which represents redemption. Amen? Is it so? Hangings in all their types represent the flesh. People are those who make up a dividing line. People are those who preach the gospel, the good news, to the unbelieving world. People define the tabernacle itself. White linen talks about righteousness. It talks about the whole purpose of God being covered with righteousness. And righteousness is connected by redemption. It means that the linen is held by the silver connectors. Amen? The purpose doesn't have its own righteousness. It is God's redemption which holds righteousness on the purpose of God.

Next, there is no gold found in the Outer Court. There is no gold there. It means that a man in the Outer Court is not meeting God's character as of yet. Our entrance into salvation doesn't mean that we come because we are good. We are not waiting to be good enough to enter into God's purpose. The only thing we can see in the Outer Court is judgment - to the left as well as to the right. Life. Death. If you don't repent, you will perish in the eternal fire (Matthew 25:41). God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, and whosoever believes in Him will not perish, but will have life everlasting (John 3:16). Amen. And so we are going through the tabernacle. There is no other possibility to get to the Holy of Holies than to go through salvation and the first place we find is death.



The Brazen Altar. Do not try to find another road. There is none. A moment ago you said you didn't care which road you would have to take - the main thing is to get to the destination. You have to pass by death. You have to die. God doesn't want to take and use anything of what you consider to be precious. Amen? God doesn't have the need.

If you were, for example, a heavy metal singer who knew how to bring crowds to the concert, and you got saved, do you think you would come and say, "God, this is my gift. I am now going to be singing Christian metal and bring crowds to Christ?" God says, "Death!" Death. Amen? God is saying He is not interested if you have a big name. God is not interested! Hallelujah! Who do you think, in the generation of Pharaoh, was the greatest in the world? Pharaoh. Today it could probably be the American president or the boss of the United Nations, but at that time it was Pharaoh. He was considered to be the most powerful man in the world. Moses was the son of Pharaoh's daughter and we would think, "This is what we need to use." However, God was not able to use him the way he was. He had to take him and pull him out. How old was he? Forty. He was an adult, a mature man. He had all the

Egyptian education. He had access to all. He knew all. He had perfect rhetoric, he knew mathematics, politics. He was able to be in charge of building construction, in charge of nations. He was able to communicate. God pulled him out of it for forty years. He pulled him out to tend sheep. Death. Death. Death. God doesn't need to have our own things mixed with God's things. Until Moses confessed, "Why are you sending me? I don't even know how to speak." His vocabulary was reduced to "baaa." Amen? God had to bring Moses down so that He could use him.

If you have thought that God is going to use you because you are great, that thought is wrong. The Brazen Altar is a place where death is found. We come there naked. Amen? We come naked, not having anything. The only thing we have is fear of death and God brings us by force and ties us to the Brazen Altar. The blood is flowing there. Hallelujah. That is where our name ends. No Prince of Egypt any more. Hallelujah. He was not the Prince of Egypt anymore but rather, he was the Midian shepherd. Amen? Hallelujah.



Then we go further through the tabernacle - if we want to get to the end - and we come to the baptisms. There is a Brazen Laver there. It represents three baptisms - baptism in water, baptism in the Spirit, and baptism into Christ.

Why are you baptized in water? Because you want get to the destination of the Holy of Holies. If you were baptized for any other reason, then you have not been baptized in water. Amen? When the apostles came, they asked the disciples whether they accepted the Holy Spirit. The disciples said, "We don't even know the Holy Spirit was given." The apostles were asking, "How have you then been baptized? What have you been baptized into?" And they said, "We have been baptized by the baptism of John for forgiveness of sins." And so the apostles preached to them, "Oh, it means that you are not baptized. We will reveal unto you the purpose of God and show you what leads to it. You will see it is necessary to have the Holy Spirit to lead you on." And all who believed were baptized (Acts 19:1-7). Amen? So, if you were baptized at some church into some church, then get re-baptized. You cannot get to the end if you don't get baptized. Hallelujah.

Baptism in the Spirit. Baptism in the Spirit is another thing that leads us to our destination. It means that, if you want to make it and you are not baptized in the Spirit, you have to fall on your face and say, "God, I need the baptism in the Spirit." You cannot say to yourself that you don't need it or that maybe you do. You cannot say, "I am not totally sure." You need to make sure that you have gone through the baptism in the Spirit. You have to make sure you are baptized in the Spirit, you have

gifts, and you speak in tongues. It doesn't matter what your opinion is. The only thing that matters is where you want to get. Hallelujah.

The next baptism is the baptism into Christ. If you don't want to be baptized into Christ, then all the other baptisms are pointless and you don't need them. Cold water doesn't have any meaning. It is pointless. Amen? The Spirit of God will immediately lead you to be baptized into Christ. What is it to be baptized into Christ? What does it actually mean to be baptized? It is a religious term. You students of Greek, I ask you, which Greek word stands for baptism? It is "baptidzo" or "baptidzein" and it means "to immerse." Full immersion. The same as when I take something and immerse it under the water so that there is nothing left up above the surface. It is not the iceberg where the majority is immersed, but a little bit is still above. While baptizing, it is important to immerse the baptized person totally under the water until the surface closes up above him and he cannot be seen any more. He is not. Amen? Dead. It means that it is necessary for him to enter into the water and die. He comes out of the water new, symbolically speaking, and is risen up with Christ. If we are baptized in the Spirit, the same "baptidzo" is applied there. It means we have to be fully immersed in the Spirit, where not even a little bit of us is out of the Spirit. We are talking here about the fact that not even a bit of us sticks out of Christ. Amen?

Sometimes we practice the Old Testament principle of tithes. We work, we do our own things and we give one-tenth to God. Some say that we are not to give only ten percent of money, but also ten percent of time. They say, "A day has 24 hours. Out of these 24, I sleep for 10 hours, so I have 14 hours remaining, and out of them I will give to God 1.4 hours. On Sunday, I have a meeting for three hours and so it will make up for Saturday." Am I mistaken? But this is not immersion. God wants us to be fully immersed into Christ - fully under the headship of Christ. So, how much money do you give over to God? Everything. Amen? Amen. You come home with your paycheck and say, "God, here is the money. You tell me now what I am to do." And God will say, "Buy yourself a T-shirt because you need it; give this amount to this brother so that he can buy himself a T-shirt, too; and put this into the bank and I will tell you in My time what to do with it." Amen? When you go to God, you have to ask, "God, I would like to buy something, can I use Your money for it?" Amen? Is it so or am I exaggerating? Is it too radical?

What about time? 24 hours. I will deduct 10 hours for sleep. Hmm... I am afraid that's not the way. ☺ No. I will come and say, "God, I have 24 hours. What do you want me to do with them?" And God will say, "You will go to work for 9 hours." You know, God has not

given us the right to deal with time at our discretion. When He tells me to go to work for 9 hours, then I cannot go to work for neither 12 nor 8 hours. Amen? He says, “You will go to work for 9 hours, for 2 hours you are going to be doing this here, one hour this, 2 hours this, and now you will go to bed.” When God tells you to go to bed, you have to go to bed. Who believes that when God tells you to go to bed and you go to bed, it is fulfilling the purpose of God? This is the mind we have to have. You know, if we sit here, for example, until two o’clock in the morning talking all kinds of nonsense and feel good, then in the morning we will not be able to concentrate. So, we need to have a mind that will say, “God, I am doing everything to fulfill Your purpose.” If it is time to go to bed, let us go to bed. If it is time to stay awake, let us stay awake.

I have warned you a little bit at the beginning, but I don’t know whether it was sufficient. I don’t know whether we comprehend that we have lost our lives. If yes, then we comprehend it right. Hallelujah.

The baptism into Christ means that we partake of God’s move and are a part of God’s people. Can you get to the destination, to the Holy of Holies, and not be a part of God’s people? No. You cannot arrive unless you are a part of God’s people. Hallelujah. Can you get to the destination, to the Holy of Holies, and be a part of some other people? No. For if you are a part of other people, then the other people will lead you somewhere else.

You know, sometimes we think that we can cheat. We think that we can be as if we are a part of it, but at the same time not be a part of God’s people, not partaking in the things of God. “You know, I have a certain business to take care of now, I can’t. I have now bought new oxen, I have bought a new field, I have now gotten married...” (Luke 14:16-20). God says it can happen to us that if we are not a part of God’s people, then whether we want to or not, whatever we think about it, we will not get to the destination. Amen? Amen. If you still want to get to the destination, make sure you are with the right people of God and you do all to be a part of the right Word of God, of the right people of God. Lay aside your oxen, your field, your marriage. If your marriage, your possessions or your work holds you back or deprives you of being a part of God’s work, then you need to call upon God that He would find a solution for you. Hallelujah. Amen? Amen.



Let us go on. We have already gone through the Outer Court and God is now saying to us to be one with Him. A candlestick. I don’t want to call it a candlestick, let us call it a lampstand, as it is closer to the original.

A Lampstand. It is a holder or a stand for little lamps. It consists of six arms and the seventh is the middle stand. Amen? Number 6 represents man, number 1 represents God, and all together it makes 7. This means that man in cooperation with God produces light. Hallelujah. Where are you to put the light? Under the bed? No. On the table so it would be seen. So, if you want to get to the destination in the Holy of Holies, it is necessary for you, together with God, in unity with Him, to produce light and the light must be seen. The light is here to give light. God leads each one of us through it and each of us has to go through a state or place where he, because he is with God, gives out light that is seen.

You know, this is a word which speaks against a theology of “laymen and clergy,” a word which speaks against clergy and ordinary people. It is not correct to think that there would be people in the church who are chosen to work with God and give light, and that only some of them are chosen. Amen? But each one of you who raised up your hand here have to go through this place. There is no way around. Amen? So if you see that you have not gone through the place where you would work with Christ and give light and that light would be seen, then you need to repent and come before God. Amen? You need to come before God and say, “God, I can’t go around this piece of furniture, I have to fulfill it.” Don’t say to yourself, “I have a different character. I am not the one who is seen.” God is looking at it differently. It doesn’t necessarily mean you should be at the town square bringing crowds. But it is necessary that you would be seen from God’s perspective and give light by working with God and if you don’t know how to get to it, then this is the way. Matthew chapter 5, starting from verse 14, ***Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. ¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.***

Everything that Jesus says about Himself you will find as a requirement for us. Maybe we could do some homework sometime and try to find out these sayings. Jesus says, ***I am the light of the world*** (John 8:12). And then He says, ***Ye are the light of the world*** (Matthew 5:14). So everybody should be able to be the Lampstand, as we have said. Our good deeds should shine and give testimony about our Father being good. But be careful about one thing. The light is given out based on the cooperation of us with God. 6 + 1. God is not asking us to do deeds. He is waiting for us to work with Him so that the deeds, which will glorify the

Father, will be seen. Hallelujah.

Do you know it is written that we cannot remain children, that everyone is to be an elder? (Ephesians 4:13-14, Numbers 11:25-30) Everyone is to get to the “measure” of an elder. Everyone is called to it and it is written about the elders that they are to have a good reputation, even outside. Amen? It means that there should be a testimony given about us that our light is known. Maybe they will persecute us for our righteousness and holiness, but we should confess together with Jesus that the world comes and has nothing in us. It cannot pull out any record against us. If you walked in the world, or even as Christians but outside of Christ, God is able to wipe away things, forget and forgive. But it is absolutely necessary for us to start walking as such that the world would have nothing in us. At school, at work, at home, before our parents, before our children, before our friends.

Let us go on. We have not gotten to the end yet. The next experience you have to go through, if you want to get to the Holy of Holies, is the Table of Shewbread.



The Table of Shewbread speaks about feeding, on several levels. It talks about us feeding on Christ on several levels. It talks about the Word of God - the Bible. It talks about the Word of God which comes from the brethren. It talks about the Word of God which comes through Christ Himself. Hallelujah. It means that if we want to make it, we cannot miss any of these three things. We cannot put our Bible on the shelf. If we don't have time to find hours and hours for reading the scriptures, then we have to ask God to show us another way. Maybe we will be listening to the tapes in the car or at home or someplace else. We need to feed on the Word of God. In Romans 10:13 it is written, *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.* ¹⁴*How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?* Hallelujah. Verse 17, *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* We cannot be saved if we don't call upon the name of God. We cannot call upon His name unless we believe. We cannot believe unless we have heard. Amen? We know that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. It is necessary to get washed, to wash our minds by the Word of God.

So, this is one of the things God is laying in our path that we have to go through, where we have to sit down and feed. We have ministries which sacrifice a great deal of their lives in order to translate and present to us the Word of God. I would like to thank Brother George for his

video ministry, I would like to thank Sister Milena for her work on issuing the magazines, and I would like to thank others like them. A hundred percent thanks goes to Vita for recording and copying tapes. I want to thank them for sacrificing their time so we could read it, listen to it, or see it on television. And what we do with the Word will affect where we will get (in the tabernacle). Do you believe it? It is necessary to put the tape into a tape recorder, take our brochure on the tram, and if it can't be done otherwise, then to the bathroom. Amen? Use every moment to feed on the Word of God. Hallelujah.

The next thing breaking of bread talks about is giving ourselves one for another. As Christ broke His body for us, the same way we are to lay down our bodies for the others. You cannot get to the Holy of Holies if you don't go through laying down your body for the brethren. And if you stumble over the spirit of indifference and disinterest, over the spirit of self-centeredness or selfishness, or over the spirit of isolation, then, if you want to get to the end, you cannot say, "This is me." Hallelujah. This is another thing we have to go through on our way. But, I am not at the destination yet. The Golden Altar is waiting for us now.



The Golden Altar speaks about us having to sacrifice our souls. After all we have gone through, it will finally be shown how seriously we have taken it. You know, the things up until the Golden Altar can be very much pretended. If you take false fire, you can carry it through the whole tabernacle up unto the Golden Altar (Leviticus 10:1-2). Amen? At the Golden Altar, it will be seen. The Golden Altar will verify the genuineness of your walk. Amen? For you will sacrifice your souls. It is written, "By their fruits ye shall know them (Matthew 7:16, 20)."

If I am born again, if I get immersed in water, if I, from time to time, bring some vision or speak in some tongues, if I go to the meetings, have a Bible in my bag, have five CDs with preachings at home, and when you need help, I occasionally help you, but my soul is not being changed, I have anger in me, and my mind, my desires, my emotions, my will are not becoming God's emotions, God's will, God's purposes, and God's mind, then there is no possible way for me to enter into the Holy of Holies. It will all blow up and turn against me. Let us not think that when we "get" there, it is all over with. If we get to the wedding but don't have the right clothes, then we will be thrown out (Matthew 22:11-14). Amen? It would be the same as when Nadab and Abihu went in with strange fire. They lighted the fire, went through the Outer Court, lighted the lamps on the Lampstand, changed bread and said to themselves, "Perfect, it works, there is no problem." Until they came to the

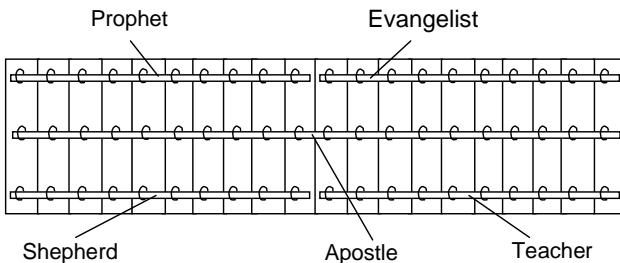
Golden Altar. At the Golden Altar everything suddenly blew up against them. This is where we sacrifice our souls and then go through to the Holy of Holies.



In the Holy of Holies we talk about God covering us. We talk here about Psalm 91 because we have learned to enter into God’s covering. Do you know what God says? “Do not turn neither to the left, nor to the right. Go straight on the path.” Do you know why? For the next verse says, “At my left side one thousand perished and at my right side ten thousand.” Amen? That’s why God is telling you, “Do not turn, neither to the left, nor to the right.” Amen? “For there is a thousand at the left and ten thousand at the right who turned and perished.” Hallelujah.

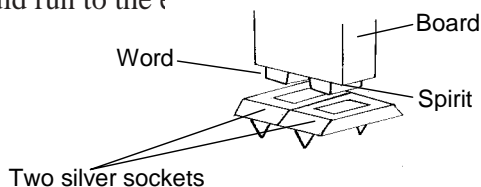
It is necessary for us to learn to walk with God so that He could hide us in His secret place. It is written, *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty* (Psalm 91:1). Amen? This is the covering of the two cherubims in the Holy of Holies. Then we meet the seventh piece of furniture when the shekinah glory comes, where the man is no longer and he meets with God Himself.

We know that the whole tabernacle measures 300 cubits at the perimeter. 300 cubits indicates to us from the beginning what the purpose of God is. It is Gideon’s army which was getting smaller and smaller the same way the whole humanity is getting smaller with every experience. Most of humanity is outside of salvation, most of Christianity is outside of the Holy Place, and most of those who went through to the Holy Place are outside of the Holy of Holies. For there are many places where people camped out and said, “I am not going on.” So, our decision to get to the end determines which things we have to go through. I hope you understand why we have been preaching about the tabernacle, why we have been preaching about these individual things here.



The Holy Place consists of wooden boards which are covered with gold. The wooden boards speak about carnality, about man, about humanity. Gold speaks about godliness. If we are baptized into Christ,

and we enter into the Holy Place, humanity doesn't have any place in the Body of Christ. One board is 1.5 cubits wide. In the Body of Christ, one board is one and a half cubits wide. What meaning does one-and-a-half have in the scriptures? None. When I put two boards together, it makes three. What meaning does the number three have? Fullness. The fullness of God. Therefore, none of the boards have any meaning by themselves. If somebody thinks that he has to care only about himself so that he himself could run to the €



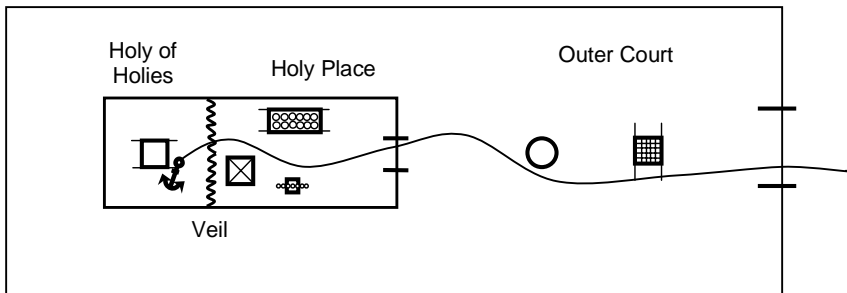
Each board has to be anchored in a silver socket. Silver means redemption. For us to be anchored we must be anchored in redemption by both feet. Two feet talks about two witnesses. One witness is the Word and the other witness is the Spirit. In order for the boards not to swing, they are held by five bars. Five bars talks about the five-fold ministry - apostle, prophet, evangelist, shepherd, and teacher. The bars are made out of wood and covered with gold, which means that the five-fold ministry must have God's character. Each board has a golden ring. The golden rings actually hold the bars and the bars hold the boards.

It means that we are the ones who accept the five-fold ministry and the five-fold ministry holds us so that we will stand in a row. If we want to make it, if we want to get to the end, God has given us directions. This is the only way, the only order of the Body of Christ, the only order of the church. If you hold any other ministry than God's ministry, then it is not God's order. If you have any other order in the Body of Christ than God's order, you are not in the Holy of Holies. Amen? If we are not holding apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and shepherds, if we have another gospel, if we are making our own teachings, then we are wandering somewhere in the Outer Court. Amen? Hallelujah.

This is the way. We have not gone into details with the individual pieces of furniture. However, I still want to say a few things. I would like to read from the 6th chapter of Hebrews, verses 18 and 19. Verse 18, ***That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.*** What is our hope? Or what is the hope? There is something we don't have at the moment, but we hope to receive it. Amen? Therefore, what is faith? "Faith is the substance of

things hoped for (Hebrew 12:1).” Amen? If we have hope and we hope for something, then it is through faith, which is a substance of the hope, that we hold on to those thing we hope for. We hear the Word and it is our hope. Through faith we hold on to that Word so that it would become reality.

In verse 19, it is written that we have hope as *an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil*. Amen? Our hope is an anchor, an anchor which is thrown into the Holy of Holies behind the veil. This anchor, our hope, is anchored in the Holy of Holies, and we are holding on to the rope by faith. Whatever is happening with us, whatever storm comes, whether it seems to us at that moment that we are doing better or worse, we always have our hope, which is firmly anchored in the Holy of Holies behind the veil. You know, when a boat is anchored, it can be moved a few meters to the left or to the right, but nothing will take it far from the place where it is held. And that is our hope. Amen? What is going to happen when we have hope but don’t have faith? In other words, when the Word is being preached, but we don’t add faith to it, what is going to happen? Hebrews 4:1, *Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. ²For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.* The word preached did not profit them. It was unto them for nothing. No benefit. They didn’t get anywhere, they didn’t enter into rest. Even though they came out of Egypt, even though they heard the same Word, they went through the same sea, they were baptized into Moses, even though the Word of hope was preached to them, they didn’t enter for their unbelief. Do you remember the story of Joshua and Caleb?



It is faith which gets hold of our hope and takes us through that we could go through. When Jesus died on the cross, He did one thing - the veil was broken. What does it mean? It means that at that moment we were able to see into the Holy of Holies. It means that wherever you find yourself, you see the destination. You see the ark in the Holy of

Holies. The destination is not unknown to us any more, we have seen Christ resurrected, we have seen the Kingdom of God in the earth. The destination has been opened unto us and we can see it. And it is important that you would, the same way as the “Gideonites,” drink water and looked around.

You know, sometimes when I drive fast on the expressway, I look and don’t take my eyes off the road. When I, for example, need to change a tape or turn on the heat, I watch the road and do it by heart. It means that when you walk on your path, whether you are at work, at school, or whether you dig in your garden, you need to dig, but not take your eyes off the Holy of Holies, off that purpose, off that destination. You understand that I speak spiritually. Let us continually keep this perspective.

I will write for you into the following table several other things so that you would have an overview. These are different Biblical pictures talking about the same thing, i.e. about the road and getting into the fullness.

DESTINATION:	WAY OR STEPS, WHICH LEAD TO DESTINATION:	
	(Destination always has to be kept in mind)	
HOLY OF HOLIES Hebrew 6:18-20	WAY THROUGH THE TABERNACLE	Exodus 26:33
		Matthew 27:51
		Exodus 29:42-45
		Hebrews 9:1-6
SONS OF GOD Romans 8:14	BIRTH	John 3:3-6
		I John 5:4
		I Peter 1:22-23
	GROWTH	Ephesians 4:15
		Ephesians 2:21
		Galatians 3:23-26
		Hebrews 6:1-2
		I Peter 2:2
	FOOD	Colossians 1:10
		Matthew 4:4
		I Peter 2:2
		John 6:51-58
Isaiah 7:15		
	Isaiah 55:1-2	
THE BODY OF CHRIST Ephesians 4:11-13	MEMBERS	I Corinthians 12:14-18
		Romans 12:5
	SUBMISSION TO THE HEAD	Ephesians 4:5
		Ephesians 1:22
		James 4:7
		Colossians 1:18
	Colossians 2:8-19	

DESTINATION:	WAY OR STEPS, WHICH LEAD TO DESTINATION:	
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THE BODY OF CHRIST Ephesians 4:11-13	LOVE	I Corinthians 13:4-8 John 15:12 Luke 10:27 I John 4:20
	UNITY OF THE SPIRIT	Ephesians 4:3 Philppians 2:2
	FORGIVENESS	Colossians 3:13 Matthew 18:21-22 Ephesians 4:2 Matthew 6:15
FRUIT John 15:5-6	VINE	John 15:1
Romans 7:4-5	ABIDING	John 15:7 John 15:9-10
	PURGING	John 15:2
HOLY PEOPLE I Peter 2:9-10	SANCTIFICATION	II Corinthians 7:1 I Thessalonians 4:7
Isaiah 62:12		
BRIDE Isaiah 62:5	ADORNING	Revelation 21:9-12 I. Peter 5:5
WISE VIRGINS Matthew 25:1-4	OBTAINING OF OIL	Mat 25:1-12

Obviously, what we have been talking about here can be found in the books of Moses. If we use another picture... Tell me what other pictures talk about the same thing the tabernacle does. Sons of God? Yes, it is a different picture of the same thing. Sons of God are in the Holy of Holies. Mature, thirty-year-old sons of God. Amen? Who is at the Brazen Altar? A baby. A baby was born here. And further on? A little boy, a child, a young man. This young man comes into the Holy of Holies and he is a son of God. Amen? Therefore we cannot remain children, “teknon,” but we have to become the sons of God, “huios.” At the Outer Court there are children. And what are the steps? What do the children do in order to become sons? They have to grow. What do our children do? They eat. They eat the right food so that out of the children would come the sons. And until then they are held under the law. Children are trained. Amen? Children are trained so that they would get to sonship.

You know, we are confused that we, as Christians, are given a lot of promises and a lot of competencies and people are saying, “Is it now? Was it given to us or is it going to be given to us?” It was given to us and

we have it all. It has already happened. But in the 4th chapter of Galatians, in verses 1 through 7 it is written, *Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; ²But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. ³Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: ⁴But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, ⁵To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. ⁶And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. ⁷Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

At the beginning, we, as babies, inherited our inheritance. We inherited all; we inherited all power. But it is not of any good to us, we don't differ from the servants until the time appointed by the Father when we become the sons and begin to deal with our inheritance. Amen?

What is another picture that speaks about the same? Christ. Hallelujah. Christ speaks the same language. When it says in the Bible "in Christ," then it means in the Holy of Holies. Christ is in the Holy of Holies and our destination is that we would all be "in Christ." If you wanted to see how the destination looks, then read the 1st chapter of Revelation. And if you thought it talks only about Jesus, then notice that he has a voice as of many waters. Amen? Christ is both a head and a body together.

How do I therefore get into Christ? I get into Christ by being a part of the Body of Christ, when I am joined by joints with my brethren. Let us look in Ephesians 4:11, *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.* We have already talked about this here. And why that all? *¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.* Hallelujah. This is the way to gather together into Christ, into the full measure.

You can see that the individual pictures penetrate one another, one complements the other, and one interprets the other. Amen? Let us look at some other pictures.

The next picture is, for example, the bride. How do you become a bride? What does the Word say? What is all the talking about the wise and the foolish virgins for? Why did the bride get ready?

Why are we talking about the bride being a virgin? Amen? It is necessary for us to be “virgins,” that we would not fornicate. Not only in the body, but that we would not have a close fellowship with anyone else other than with our God. Amen? It is necessary for us to be clothed in white raiment - in righteousness, purity. It is necessary for us to be without spot and wrinkle - it means that God would cleanse us all through, cleanse us from all wickedness. It means that we are to be perfect as He is perfect. Amen? And I have forgotten something, we are to have oil in our souls. Not only in our spirit, but in our soul. Not only in the lamp, but also in the vessel. Think about what dress, oil, and virgin means.

We have been preaching all this for one and only one destination, for one and only one purpose. We are to be a tree which bears fruit and that fruit has one destination. I am the vine and my Father is the husbandman. In John chapter 15, it is written that God is expecting fruit to grow on us. Who wants fruit to grow on him? Amen? Then I will tell you how to get to it. If you feel that I am repeating myself, that it is my intention.

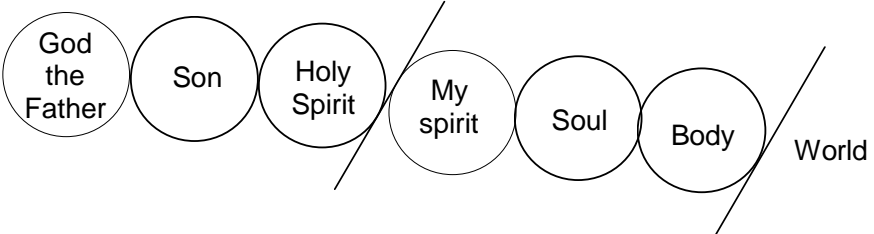
God says we are to abide in Him. John chapter 15 and verse 1 through 3, ***I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.*** ²***Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.*** ³***Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*** Hallelujah. It means that Jesus is the vine, we are the branches, and the Father is the husbandman. We cannot bear fruit any other way than in Christ. The purpose of God is that we would bear fruit. So, what happens if we don't bear fruit? The husbandman will come and say, “It doesn't matter, at least you have leaves.” Amen? No? This gospel is too hard. Shall we change it a little bit? Does it mean that when a saved Christian doesn't bear fruit, then it says about him that he will be cut out and thrown into the fire? Hmmm? Let us therefore look, as we want to bear fruit, to verse 4, ***Abide in me, and I in you.*** So if you want to bear fruit, abide in Christ. ***As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*** If you think that you can go outside of Christ and have peace, love, patience, holiness, be good, kind, then the Word says that it is not possible. People think that they can be good and they don't need Christ. But the Bible says it is not possible. If we read on in John, it is written there that we are to bear fruit. We bear fruit only by being joined to Christ. The husbandman will come, he will look and if you

don't bear fruit, he will cut you out. But on the other hand, if you bear fruit, he will come and purge you, purge you that you would bear much fruit. Amen? When you bear fruit, then God will take care that you will bear more fruit. And when you bear more fruit, then God comes and purges you that your fruit would remain (John 15:16). You have love in the fellowship, you have much love in the fellowship, but the peak is that your love would remain. Amen? Hallelujah. Remaining and purging.



As the next example, I will draw a soul, a soul filled with the Holy Spirit, a changed soul. What leads to it? I am reminding you of well-known pictures.

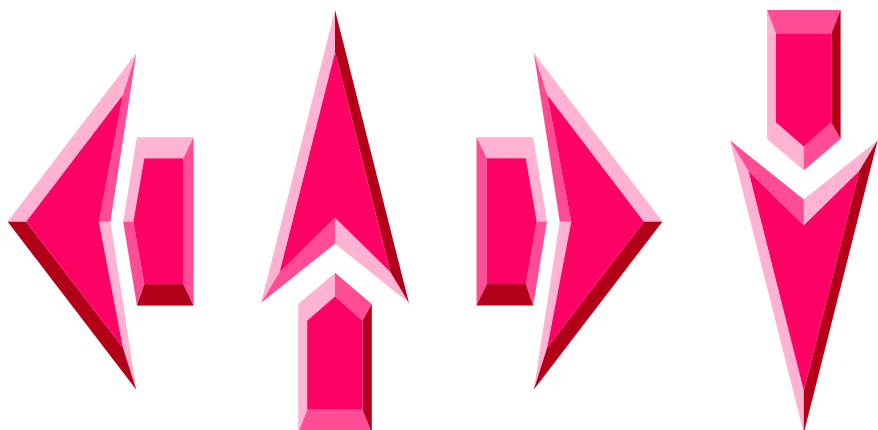
The Spirit of God comes and through our spirit, enlightens our soul until He changes it into the image of God. And again we can talk about oil in our souls. Amen? Hallelujah.



This is the purpose I wanted to present to you. There is no other purpose. What we have been preaching and doing here through all these years, the reason why we sing praises, why we have altar calls, repentance, prophecies, prophets, teachings, tabernacle..., it will all pass away. Only the purpose, the destination, remains for us. In Corinthians it is written that all gifts, all knowledge will pass away, hope will pass away, and only love will remain unto us (I Corinthians 13:8). Hallelujah.

The last thing I would like to add to the map is the time frame.

God has His purpose from the beginning and the whole 6,000 years He has been working on His purpose. Everything He has done He submitted to this purpose. Amen? And if God has been working for 6,000 years, then there is nothing that can pull this purpose out of His hand. All the “steps” we have been talking about up until now, we can write as one big number - 6,000 years. Amen? The destination is the end of creation. It will be the seven thousandth year when the whole purpose of God, the whole building, foundations and windows and roof and garden join together and the house will be made out of them, the house for use. The whole work of Satan culminates at the same time because God finished His creation on the seventh day and rested (Genesis 1:24-2:2). The last thing He finished was a man and the beasts. The same way the iniquity culminates in time, the manifestation of the sons of God culminates and it all is coming to the peak. Just ask the out-of-doors. The whole creation groaneth and travaileth, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God (Romans 8:22-23). Amen? They are waiting for the time when the whole purpose of God comes to its peak and the sons of God wipe the iniquity out of man. First of all, out of themselves and then they will wipe it out of humanity and Satan will be cast down from the air. This is the message, for we believe that we are finding ourselves at the end of the ages. We are now at the end of the ages, and from the point of view of the 6,000 years, from the point of view of time, it is just now when the whole purpose of God will be fulfilled and will “click together.” We are before the entrance into the Holy of Holies because we want to be part of it all. We are being directed beyond the veil. If the Holy of Holies or Christ are our destination, then the road is given. May God bless you.



The Seven Year Covenant

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I would like to follow up on what we heard last night from Brother Martin. I believe we will be able, by God's grace, to go through these things attentively.

Lord, I would like to ask You that You would bring peace among us at this moment so that we would allow the Word of God speak, that it would walk through our hearts. We desire that it would not be just teaching, but that You would speak to our hearts in the background, that You would touch our souls, Lord, in order for us to do the deeds which are Yours. Hallelujah. Amen.

Last night at the end of his teaching, Brother Martin talked about time. I would like to follow up on it. However, before I do so, I would like to mention one thing about resurrection, about the principle of resurrection. A traditional idea is that all believers will be resurrected at a given time. Automatically, Christ will come, the trumpet will sound and all believers will rise together in one minute. It is true, but not the full truth. What is the truth about resurrection? I mean the resurrection into immortality. (Not, for example, Lazarus' resurrection from the grave, for Lazarus died again, didn't he?) So, I am talking about the resurrection after which there is no death anymore.

Let us look into the 15th chapter of I Corinthians, which is the resurrection chapter. There is a principle described at its end, the inner heart of the resurrection matter and that is when or who can be resurrected. It is not an automatic thing. There is a certain condition for resurrection that has to be met. Without it, it is not possible to raise the body into resurrection. What is written here? Verse 54, ***So when this corruptible (body) shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality*** (which is resurrection), ***then shall be brought to pass the saying that is***

written, Death is swallowed up in victory. When the resurrection comes, death is swallowed up in victory. And now verse 55, **O death, where is thy sting?** It means that death has a cause. It has a sting, and as long as the sting exists, death rules. In order for death to be defeated, this sting has to be removed. Is it so? And now, what is the sting? Verse 56, **The sting of death is sin.** The sting of death is sin. We can change the word “sting” to the word “victory.” Then it would say, “The victory of death is sin.” Therefore, if resurrection is to come (the defeat of death), the issue of the sting must be solved. The issue of sin in man has to be solved.

So, if sin reigns, then death reigns. As a consequence of it, there is no resurrection. And furthermore, if sin doesn't reign, if sin is driven out, then death loses its sting. Death doesn't have anywhere to hook. Death can only reign because of sin in a man. If sin is destroyed, then death is defeated - and this is resurrection. That's why those of us who believe the end-time word talk about driving sin out of our lives, for by doing that, we are making a path for resurrection. Is it so?

One more verse in the New Testament talks about the same thing. Romans 8:11 says, **But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.** If the Spirit of God dwells in a man, He has power to destroy sin in him and, as a consequence, to resurrect his body. Is it so? It is the Spirit that will quicken our mortal bodies because He is present in our inner parts. Can somebody be resurrected when he doesn't have this Spirit within himself?

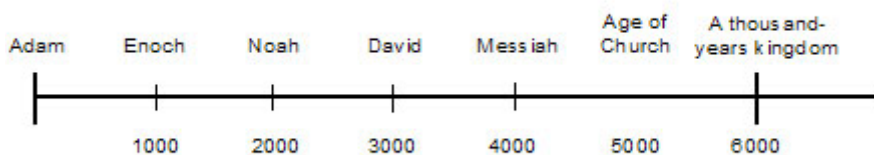
Let me give one more example. Notice that, when Jesus ministered, He had a body as we do. He had a mortal body. It was a body that could have been killed (it means that it was not immortal). However, Jesus said about Himself that He was the resurrection and the life, that He was resurrection even though He had a mortal body (John 11:25). Why? For the Spirit dwelt in His soul in fullness and sin was wiped out. That's why He had resurrection in Him even though He could have died. Death was not able to hold Him and Jesus resurrected from the dead. I am saying this as an introduction to what I want to talk about further on so that we would understand how important it is to drive sin out from our lives.

Now I am getting to the timeframe, to where we are in time

and how God looks at the whole history of man. I would like to say two truths, two theses at the beginning. Later on we will get to them in more detail. The first one is that God has appointed time in which man will reach sonship. He created man and gave him time that he would grow into the likeness which God intended for him. How much time has He given him? How many years? It is about six thousand years. We already heard this yesterday. The second thesis is that, out of these 6,000 years, God has separated seven years when man is going to walk in the fullness of God. The world will see this fullness of the image of God in ordinary flesh and blood people. They will see God in these people whether it is with respect to the fullness of love, fullness of patience, as well as with respect to sin - which means victory over sin. It will be before the thousand-year kingdom of Christ will come.

I will now draw a timeline here. There are 6,000 years at the beginning where there is no one else but Adam. The whole line represents 6,000 years. The rest of it is the thousand years of fullness, rest, when the world will see the fullness of what God has created. Now, I will divide this time (for clarity) by the main milestones. At the beginning, God created man, Adam, and during the whole time He had in His mind this timeline and the fact that, what was going to be happening in between, would serve to what was going to appear at the end. It means that these are not four different stories as, from time to time, some people have said. They say that God first tried it with Adam, but it didn't turn out well because Adam sinned. Later on it got so perverted that God had to suffer the flood. He changed His plans. He tried it with Israel and with the law. It was not sufficient. So He changed plans again and He gave Jesus Christ and finally it turned out well. Is it not so? God has seen from the beginning the same story of man.

6,000 YEARS



(The numbers on the axis are only approximate and illustrative)

So He created Adam. Do you know what happened about a thousand years later? There is one event which might be of our interest. In about the year 1,000, Enoch was taken from the earth. It was not exactly 1,000, but approximately 970. Do you know what was in about the year 2,000? In about the year 2,000, the flood came (Noah). In the year 3,000, David was on the scene. Then what happened in or about the year 4,000? The Messiah came. Then 2,000 years follow. We can call them "The Age of the Church," which will be fulfilled at the end of six thousand years.

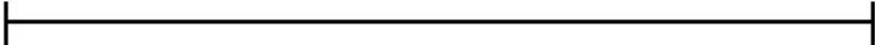
This is, therefore, a map that we are still going to modify later. Where are the seven years in it, which I talked about? Where did I find those seven years in the Bible? Let us go together to Daniel, chapter 9, and we will try to understand this complicated prophecy in an uncomplicated way. God gives another time period here and we will try to place it to our time map. Daniel 9:24 says, ***Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city.*** We have said that God has given 6,000 years before His kingdom comes, but now we are reading that there are some 70 weeks here. Where do they fit? First of all, how much time does 70 weeks represent? It is exactly 490 years. For your information, the instruction how to calculate it is found in Leviticus 25:8, ***And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.*** We find that one week is seven years, so we can read in Daniel that God gave His people 490 years.

We have another period here and we are going to try to find it in our timeline. What is to happen in this period of time? We read further in verse 24, ***Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy*** (the Holy of Holies). This is to happen before this period is over. What I want to emphasize is that sins will be sealed. Sins will be stopped, removed. Sinning will be stopped. God is saying by this that He will reveal the way by which sin will be able to be removed. What is the way? The power given to man to destroy sin is through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 9:26-28). It means that before this period of

490 years is over, God will bring man to a place where he will overcome sin. Hallelujah.

Let us now draw these 490 years somehow. I will make one more line here that we are then going to set to our main axis.

70 weeks = 490 years



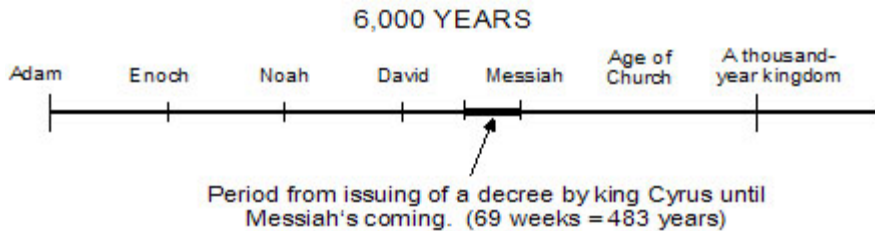
Seventy weeks, which are 490 years. Let us now go to verse 25 where we have some details to it, **Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks.** It means seven plus sixty-two. How much is it? $7 + 62 = 69$. Sixty-nine weeks until the coming of the Messiah. What is at the beginning? What is the start of this 490-year period? It is the fact that King Cyrus gave a mandate to the Jews to return from slavery to Jerusalem and rebuild it. So, I will write here at the beginning of this period the mandate that the Jews could return. As soon as the king gave this decree, God started the stopwatch and, from that time, new time began to run. We can read that there will be 69 weeks, which is 483 years until the second event. What is this second event? It is the coming of the Messiah.

70 weeks = 490 years



The coming of the Messiah is an event that we know where to place on our first timeline. The Messiah came, and by His coming we don't mean His birth, but His entrance into the Messiah's minis-

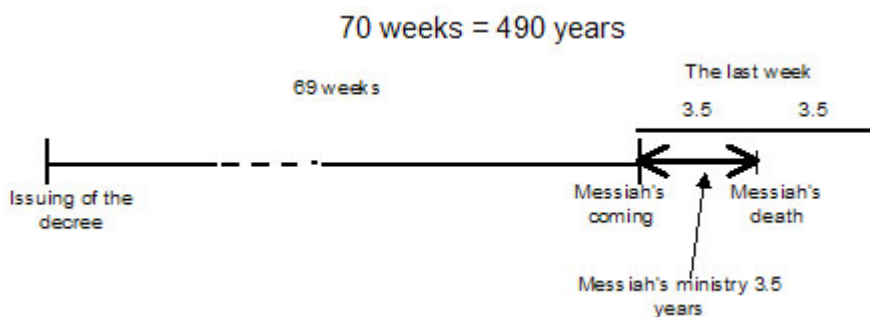
try. In between these two events there were 483 years. Isn't it so? So when we look at the first line, then it means that 483 years were fulfilled somewhere here (see timeline below). This was God's clock that He started by Cyrus giving out a mandate to the Jews to leave Babylon.



In Daniel 9:24, God speaks about 70 weeks. We have covered only 69 of them so far. Verse 26 says something further, **And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off.** Some Christians are confused by this. How is it that the Messiah will be killed after the 62nd week when He didn't come until the 69th week? We must not forget the seven weeks at the beginning (from verse 25) and add them to 62. So we should rather read, "And after seven and threescore and two weeks shall the Messiah be cut off." It means that somewhere after the 69th week, after His coming, He will be killed. It is His task, it is His mission. When exactly He was killed is written in verse 27. This verse talks about the period after the 69th week, which is one week - seven years. It says that God, verse 27, **shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.** In the midst of the week means after three-and-a-half years. This is referring to the cross. This unique, perfect sacrifice made an end to Jewish sacrifices. The sacrifices could not have been made to cease by the antichrist, but only by a higher sacrifice, a higher sacrifice that covered the previous sacrifices. In the letter to the Hebrews we read that Christ was the perfect sacrifice, the Lamb, that was slain.

We can see that the last week is a special period of confirmation of the covenant. God will confirm the covenant with many.

This is the very period I have talked about at the beginning as the second thesis. It is the period of seven years when God is revealing Himself on the earth in a human body. The Messiah was a man in whom God dwelled in fullness. If we observe the timeline, we can see that in the time of Jesus, almost the whole 70 weeks were fulfilled except for the second half of the last week. When Jesus died after 3.5 years of His ministry and went to the Father, God stopped the stopwatch; He stopped the calculation of 70 weeks. I therefore add to our timeline the 3.5 years of Jesus' ministry. When Jesus left, 3.5 years remained unfulfilled. They are still remaining. Where are they? We read in Daniel about 7 years, but in the book of Revelation we read only about 3.5 years. Revelation was written after Jesus' 3.5 years. It means that the other 3.5 years remain so that they would be fulfilled at the end, before the coming of the kingdom. God calls this a period of the covenant, a period of the confirmed covenant. God's covenant has been lasting the whole time, but it is going to be confirmed for only seven years (one week). The word "confirmed" means that it will be fixed, validated, fulfilled, and its effects will be revealed during a period of seven years on the earth.



Before we look into Revelation, which was written by John, what did the other apostles say about this period at the end of the ages? Did they believe that something like this existed? Did they believe that before the coming of Christ's kingdom there will be a special period of time? Let us look at what Paul says. Romans chapter 8, and verse 19. It is written there, and you have already heard it here several times, that ***the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*** During the

time of the apostle Paul, some of the greatest miracles in the world were happening. His shadow healed people. However, he said that God's sons have not yet been revealed. Even though he experienced such great revival and so many miracles of God, he didn't consider it to be the manifestation of the sons of God. Paul was expecting something to come in the latter time. Amen?

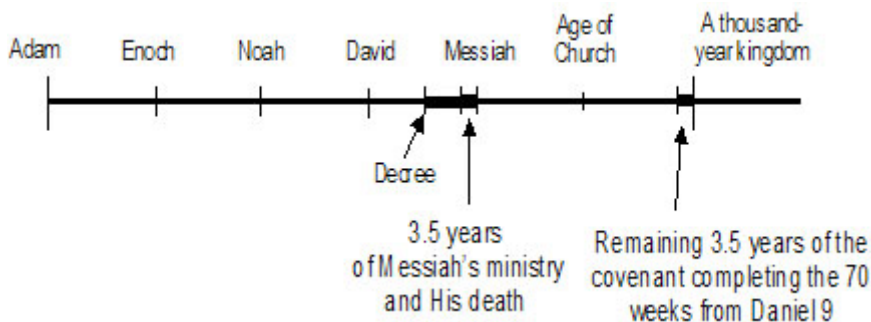
And what about Peter? I Peter 1:5, ***Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*** Wasn't salvation revealed in Peter's time? It is written here that the salvation is ready to be revealed and it is to be at the last time. He talks about it as one would speak about a future event. How did Peter mean it? The way of salvation was revealed, but the fullness, the confirmation of salvation as Peter understood it, was not. He believed that, at the end of the period, at the end of time, something would happen which would reveal and bring about God's salvation in fullness. So, we can see that even Peter had an awareness that, at the end of ages, something special would come that would be revealed on this earth. Keep these words, "that the salvation will be revealed," in mind because we will get to it in Revelation.

Let us go to the book of Revelation and let us look at what is written there about the period of 3.5 years. There is no other period in the Bible that is mentioned so many times and so precisely confirmed as these 3.5 years. God made sure that it would be clear. He even uses several ways to describe this period of time. He says 3.5 years, 42 months, 1,260 days, and even time, times and half a time in a Jewish way. There is no other period in the Bible described so many times and so exactly. God sees this period as the culmination of His work, which has lasted 6,000 years.

In Revelation 11 verse 3, God begins to calculate this remaining period of 70 weeks. Let us look at how He describes it. ***And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.*** Their ministry is exactly, to the day, defined by this time. Verse 4, ***These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.*** ⁵***And if any man***

*will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.*⁶*These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.* This is the ministry of the two witnesses' church. It is the fulfillment of God's promises and prophecies, which Daniel received. Notice in what authority and power they will be standing on this earth. The whole earth will be influenced by their ministry.

Further on in chapter 12, the same period is described and it talks there about the beginning of this ministry. Let us read the first 6 verses, *And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:*²*And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.*³*And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*⁴*And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.* And in verse 5, *And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.* Verse 6 gives us the information about time. When is this going to happen? *And the woman* (after she delivered) *fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.* How long? *A thousand two hundred and threescore days.* It means that if the birth of the man child was the moment from which the calculation of 1,260 days begins, we are exactly at the beginning of 3.5 years. The man child represents the same church as the church of the two witnesses. His birth is the beginning of 3.5 years. After that, the period of 3.5 years begins when the woman is hidden in the wilderness. Amen? So we know where we are in time.



Now, who is the man child? You all probably know it, however, let us address it briefly. Where is a biblical proof of who the man child is? In verse 5 it is written that she delivered a man child who is to do what? To rule all nations with a rod of iron. Who in the Bible was given this promise? Where is it written? It is in the 2nd chapter of Revelation, verses 26 and 27, ***And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.*** So, who is the man child? The one who overcomes. Hallelujah. It means that the scene of the birth of the man child doesn't speak about anything else but the "exodus" of the church which overcomes. The church is divided into the one which is overcoming, and the one which is not overcoming. Many say that the man child is a scene about the birth of Jesus Christ or the birth of the state of Israel, but if we interpret the Bible with the Bible, then we can see that this promise is given to the overcoming church in Revelation 2 and 3.

Further on it is written about the man child that he was caught up unto God and to His throne. Who has a promise of the throne? Revelation 3:21, ***To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*** So, who is the man child? It is the one who overcomes. The man child is the part of the church which will overcome.

Let us look at one more biblical proof about who the man child is. In the Greek, these are also two words. From the original, it would be better translated as "man son." It is a peculiar name for

somebody who has just been born. Man son or also, “a son of a male gender,” as if it was not clear that when a son is born, he is automatically of the male gender. Also, how can somebody who has just been born be a man? With regard to the word “man,” let us look to Ephesians 4:13. We have already read it today. The context of it is that God gave apostles, the whole five-fold ministry, that certain things would be achieved. In concrete terms, in verse 13, their ministry leads to the following destination, ***Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man...*** Man. The woman delivered the man. The birth of the man child is a fulfillment of this word in Ephesians. All the work of the apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers, and shepherds culminates in the birth of the man. A perfect man. The measure of the man is described further on, ***...unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.*** So, their ministry leads to the change of the church. The division of the church will come and one part of her will enter into this stature of the fullness of Christ.

You know, many Christians will say that this Word will be fulfilled only in heaven. The question then is, why would we need the ministries on the earth if it is sufficient for the Word to be fulfilled in heaven after we die? In addition to it, verse 14 says that it has to happen so that we would not be any more children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine. There is no wind of doctrine in heaven, so that means that this must happen on the earth. It means that it has to be relating to the time when a man can be tossed by different doctrines and spirits. Then, in a certain moment, he will become a perfect man and the ministry of the five-fold ministry will reach its peak. Hallelujah.

The other word is “son.” Do we need a verse for it? We have already read it in the epistle to Romans 8:19. The creation is waiting for the manifestation of the Son, for the manifestation of the sons of God. The birth of the son, man child, is a culmination of the work of God with His son Adam. When God, at the beginning of our timeline, was creating Adam, He saw in him the man child. He created him in His image and then He let him grow step by step for 6,000 years through the tools He has given him, until he becomes the man, the son that God had in His mind when He created Adam. Hallelujah. Ephesians 4 is a mighty chapter, which talks about these things. This has to happen before Jesus comes openly to the earth,

and we can expect it soon. God is inviting us to be a part of it. Brother Martin was talking about it yesterday. This is the destination, the purpose for which all that was happening was happening in the middle of the timeline from Adam on. Suggestion: This is the destination, the purpose for all that happened, from Adam on down to us. Amen?

Let us look at the beginning of these 3.5 years from one more perspective. Revelation 12:1-6 talks about the birth of the man child, and the same chapter beginning from verse 7 talks about the same thing. Starting from verse 7 to verse 14, the writer goes back to this event and describes it in different words. So now we are going to be reading about the beginning of the 3.5 years which are remaining. Verse 7 says, ***And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.*** When we have time, we can explain to you what this heaven here represents, where good fights against evil. I will only say that this heaven represents the soul of man, which is fought for in the spiritual places. Verse 8 says, ***And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*** The goal is that the devil would not find anything in a human soul. Verse 9, ***And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*** Where there is no sin, Satan doesn't have anything to hook to. Therefore, he has to fall. At this moment, John hears a great voice in heaven. Verse 10, ***Now (at this moment) is come salvation.*** Now is come salvation. When did the salvation come? When Satan didn't have a place in the soul of man. That is the fulfillment of Peter's word, which we have read, when he says that the salvation will be revealed in the last time. Hallelujah. Salvation is ready, prepared, but it will be revealed in the last time. And John answers to Peter, "Now." Verse 10, ***And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. ¹¹And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. ¹²Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you,***

having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Now, we need some time data that we would know where exactly we find ourselves in time, when it is going to happen. Verse 13, **And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. ¹⁴And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.** When Satan was cast from the souls of the saints unto the earth and began to persecute the woman, at that time the 3.5-year period started. Hallelujah? Satan looked around and saw that he had only 3.5 years. So, the birth of the man child isn't anything else but casting Satan down from the souls of the saints, and then the period of 3.5 years will start to be calculated. Amen.

One more point of interest. Jesus started His 3.5 years the same way. He showed Satan he didn't have even a little bit of place in His soul. Jesus was tempted in the wilderness and overcame Satan, because Satan didn't have anything to hook on in Him. How did Jesus leave the wilderness? Full of the power of the Holy Spirit and He started 3.5 years of His ministry. It is the same way with God's people at the end. Hallelujah.

The course of the ministry is also similar to Jesus'. Jesus didn't have bodyguards and He didn't have a pope-mobile. Do you know what a pope-mobile is? It is an armored car with bullet proof glass, which the pope uses so that nobody can shoot him. Jesus didn't have that, but He had the power of God around Him. When somebody wanted to kill Him (and He had many enemies who wanted to kill Him), they didn't succeed. Hallelujah. It also was not that after 3.5 years His guardians failed Him, for example, Peter with his sword. Jesus says in John chapter 10, and beginning in verse 17, **Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. ¹⁸No man taketh it from me,** Not Caesar, neither the Jewish council, neither Judas. Nobody took His life from Him and nobody could take it from Him. **...but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.** Hallelujah.

At the end of the second 3.5 years, the second half of the seven years, the week of the covenant, it is being repeated just as at

the end of Jesus' 3.5 years. Revelation 11:7, ***And when they shall have finished*** (the two witnesses) ***their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.*** It looks the same as when they captured and killed Jesus, but only a few people know what the real background of this killing was. Remember that the two witnesses were also untouchable, yet, in spite of that, they are defeated at the end. It is only because they know they have the resurrection of the Spirit of God within themselves. They believe that when they drive out sin from their lives, then even though they are killed, they will rise to life. Hallelujah. Where there is no sting of death, death doesn't "take" there. It cannot stay and, because they believe it, they are allowing themselves to be killed.

Verse 8, ***And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*** This is an interesting reference that even our Lord was crucified there. They go the same way following the Lamb. Verses 9 through 11, ***And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.*** ¹⁰***And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.*** ¹¹***And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.*** Hallelujah. Where there is no sin, there is no sting of death. Further on in verse 12, ***And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.*** ¹³***And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.*** Repentance. Hallelujah. Resurrected life is being revealed to people and many will repent.

Verse 14, ***The second woe is past,*** or the sixth trumpet ended. Hallelujah? We have another piece of time information here. The resurrection of the two witnesses ends the 3.5 year period and, at the same time, it is the end of the sixth trumpet. Do we perceive it?

What are we reading further on? **...and behold, the third woe cometh quickly.** ¹⁵**And the seventh angel sounded.** Shortly afterwards, the seventh angel begins to sound. The seventh trumpet speaks about the coming of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Isn't it so? **...and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.** Hallelujah. This peculiar period of 3.5 years, with the subsequent resurrection of the two witnesses is as the entry gate to the thousand-year kingdom, to the Kingdom of God and His Christ. Do you know that as soon as the two witnesses are resurrected, they will not have mortal bodies any more? They will have a body as Jesus had after His resurrection, a spiritual body. But the greatest glory is that all that is happening during the 3.5 years is happening in the mortal body of man, in the same mortal man as Adam was created, as man has been existing for the whole 6,000 years. Man will be able to show and express God in this body, and this is something that we are expecting. At this conference we want to allow the Lord to cleanse us, to cast sin out of our lives so that we could enter into these things. Glory to the Lord.

Before we finish, I would like to add a small postscript. These 3.5 years at the end are not only a culmination of God's man, but also of the devil's man. This man is the beast and the Antichrist. It is interesting that the beast (the system that will reign in the world) will reign exactly 3.5 years. This is the short time when Satan falls to the earth, loses his position in heaven, in the soul of man, and anoints the beast. Is it so? Revelation 13 and the end of the 2nd verse, **and the dragon gave him (the beast) his power, and his seat, and great authority.** God gives power to the two witnesses; the dragon gives power to the beast. God gives a throne to the man child, the dragon gives a throne to the beast. These two powers clash, but we know which one of them is victorious. When it looks as if the beast will win in the end, that is the very moment of his defeat. Hallelujah.

In verses 4 and 5 we read, **And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?** ⁵**And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to**

continue forty and two months. The beast represents the greatest totality in the world. Total control of all people in the earth. We can see that the world is drawn to this arrangement. We need to hide in Christ so that we will be able to face it. We can see the signs of the beast in the United States by what happened with the families of our brethren in Christ. But even more, the nature of the beast is being strengthened and is growing fast in human minds. Let us not support the beast, whether he manifests in mind patterns, ways of thinking, or politics. In the first verse, we read about him rising up out of the sea, and the sea in Revelation 17 symbolizes a multitude of nations. Hitler was a beast, a powerful beast. However, he was not this beast, because he was rising up out of only one nation. But at this time, the nations are joining together to support the beast together. They are handing over their sovereignty, their power, to him. This beast will have exceptional power because he will penetrate the nations from the inside. Hitler went from the outside and invaded the individual nations. This beast is going the other way around. In the times of peace he subjects the nations, links with them on all levels and then, when he rises up, the nations will not have their defenses.

What else is happening during these 3.5 years? We were talking about the man child as the victorious church. What about the church that will not overcome? Revelation 11 and the first two verses, ***1And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar; and them that worship therein. 2But the court (the Outer Court) which is without the temple, leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot (how long?) forty and two months.*** Destruction is limited here to a concrete space of time during which it will be happening. The Outer Court, as we were drawing yesterday, is a part of the church that is not covered. It doesn't have a ceiling; it is open to the wind and to the influence of the climate. God didn't build the tabernacle so that the people would stay outside (spiritually speaking), but He is calling people to go inside and hide under the umbrella before the great storm comes. When somebody refuses to hide under the umbrella, then that which verse 2 talks about will happen to him. Why doesn't John measure the Outer Court? There is no gold there. Gold (the character of God) is first

found in the Holy Place. This conference is calling us to go to where the gold is, for God and the covering are there. Therefore, for 3.5 years, the Outer Court church will be destroyed by the Gentiles. By the way, the Outer Court church is also called the “moon” church. This is in Revelation chapter 6, verse 1, and it says about her that during the 6th trumpet she will be in blood, which is a picture of destruction.

There is one more church here. She is the middle church, the Holy Place church. She is somewhere in the middle of God’s purpose; she is not outside anymore, but she is not totally inside yet. We read about this woman, or the Holy Place, that she will be persecuted very hard, but hidden. God has prepared a hiding place for her. We have already read about it. Again, her asylum is limited by the exact period of 3.5 years. The woman fled to the wilderness, where she had a place prepared from God so that they would feed her there for 1,260 days (Revelation 12:6). So, the ministry of the man child, the two witnesses, is to feed, nourish the people of God, to have the ministry of feeding by the Word of God and life. This is what God calls us to - that we would feed on God’s Word.

So, in conclusion, the whole plan of God is culminating in this period of 3.5 years. If I had time, we would still talk about the resurrection of the first fruits, for resurrection at Christ’s coming is a consequence and response to the two witnesses being raised up. First of all, the first fruits will rise (these are the two witnesses) and it will open a way for the resurrection of the other saints. We don’t have time for it now. However, you can see, and we have read it, that the resurrection of the two witnesses will still take place during the period of the sixth trumpet. When we, however, read about Christ’s coming and resurrection of those who died with Him, it says that it is during the last trumpet (I Corinthians 15:51-52). That is the seventh trumpet. Hallelujah.

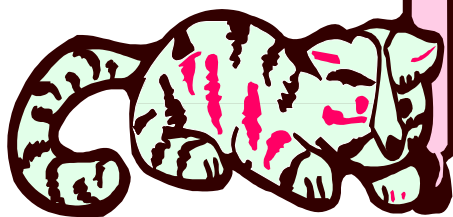
I would like to finish at this point, even though we could still continue with other places in the Word. I believe that God is revealing to us His plan in many ways and I believe we are very close. The time is coming when the devil will be cast down from heaven to the earth and when God will start His stopwatch again and finish the seventy weeks. He will finish the seven-year covenant from Daniel. Hallelujah.

Announcing...



A New Baby Boy!!!

David and Kristi Wickboldt are the happy parents of Joshua David Wickboldt, born on June 25th, 2005 at 6:55 am, weighing in at exactly 9 lbs and was 21 inches long. Mom is well and healthy and Joshua is a sweet little guy with dimples in his cheeks and lots of hair!





The Spotlight's on Martin Hloska

Recently, we have enjoyed the presence of Martin Hloska from the Czech Republic. Martin worked on the farm very diligently last month, and was also able to attend the 4th of July Conference in Mahomet. Martin is a hard working, perseverant, tenderhearted, and God-fearing man with many other gifts and characteristics of righteousness. I personally was tremendously blessed and privileged to work side-by-side for one month and learn to know this man. He has a testimony that none of us in the United States have because he was raised under communism. Communism is anti-God. It says there is no God, man is the apex of the universe, and teaches evolution to further the brain washing. In fact, communists persecuted people who talked about God by imprisonment or by taking their life.

This was the environment that Martin grew up in. He was raised believing that there was no God. In fact, he didn't even know a single person who even believed that God existed until he was twelve years old. Everyone he knew in his family, classmates, or friends didn't believe that God existed. When Martin was twelve, he met a tourist in her early twenties at a tourist camp. This lady was a Catholic who believed that God existed. This was the first person that Martin had met who believed that God existed. After that interaction, Martin made an outstanding choice. He went into the forest where nobody could hear him, and he prayed for the first time in his life. "God, if You exist, reveal Yourself to me." Nothing immediately happened, but he said that was the beginning of a chain of events that God proved that He was real through books and people he met. He told me that it is not normal for that many situations to occur that had the same outcome. It was then that he believed that God existed, and also that God hears us, because God heard and answered his prayer.

During high school, Martin met a born again believer and many other people who believed in God. God brought this born again man into his life. He never knew what it meant to be born again and it surprised and interested Martin. This man gave Martin tracts about Jesus and what He did on the cross for our sins. During that time there was a law against all Christian material. This law kind of excited Martin to read more and more. Due to the tracts, Martin gave his life to Jesus privately because of the fear of being rejected by his family, friends,

and society. This fear put a roadblock in his growth because he had no fellowship or outside teachings to be fed with. Martin's friend from school was watching him and encouraging him to find a group of believers. The fear of rejection caused Martin to run from his Christian classmate. After one half a year, Martin had backslid into previous pagan attitudes and he needed a change to occur in his life. So Martin found this classmate again to pray with him.

Martin went over to his house to pray and renew his relationship with Jesus. The classmate told him to not become a Christian unless he was totally ready to surrender to Jesus and not be afraid of what people would say or do. He said it would be better to not be a Christian than to be one and then turn away. II Peter 2:20, *For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.* Martin said that he didn't want to do it and the man kindly agreed and said good-bye. For the next two weeks Martin went through hell, because he could not persuade his mind that there was no God. He was riding the fence because he believed in God, but was not ready to commit to God. Finally, Martin's circumstances drove him to the place where he wanted God, even at the price of rejection from his parents and friends.

Martin returned to his classmate's house and repented of his sins and asked Jesus to come into his life. He was nineteen years old when he was born again. Then he started to attend a local fellowship. They were young in the Lord but extremely hungry for righteousness and holiness. During praise one day, Martin was baptized in the Holy Ghost, even though he had no knowledge of the Holy Ghost. Then he was baptized in water to make a covenant with God that he would go all the way.

When Martin was twenty-one years old, he met Brother David Walter, who visited quarterly to teach and pass out books. Martin gobbled up those books from cover to cover and then again and again. Later, Martin attended a conference where Brother Tom Campbell, Brother Mark Jantzi, and Brother Burt Asbill were ministering. After the conference the brethren he was fellowshiping with split up over the teachings that the three men brought. Martin then went to Prague to fellowship with the current brethren we know from there.

Martin's experience of being raised under communist rule is

a tremendous testimony of God revealing Himself to a person who was atheistic. Martin's testimony of coming to the Lord is powerful and an encouragement that God will meet you right where you are. After he decided to surrender his life to God, he had such a hunger for the Word of God and spiritual things. During his visit here one of the things he said often that I will not forget is, "Ready to die." This came as a response to a Word of death to self.

The Testimony of the One-eyed Man

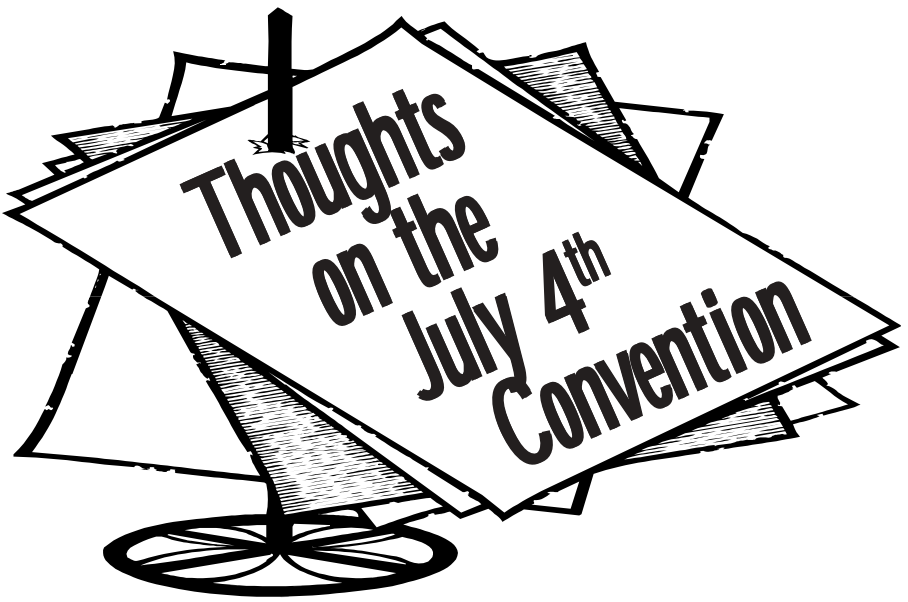
By Martin Hloska

This year in January the Lord spoke to me of the need to reach out of my natural environment, as well as of the work He wants to do in me through communion with the brethren in the USA. As usual, some sort of overcoming was required in order to obey the Lord in this case. First of all, I needed to make a decision regarding time, money and the purpose of my visit. Under normal circumstances, the flight over the ocean means, to me, kind of crossing the reality of my experience. I have personally never wanted to "visit" the U.S.A., especially as a Christian. I am not eager to visit the U.S. cities, or famous places, because it has no use for me. But somehow, I realized that I wanted to see the brethren functioning in their normal lives, especially Brother Burt Asbill, who is also part of the Fellowship in Prague ☺, and learn from their experience. The biggest issue for me was the issue of money. I had some savings, but I didn't want to spend them on this kind of thing! It was my security! I want to get married and that's why I need money. It sounds smart, doesn't it? But the Lord saved me from my attitude of false security and helped me to give Him the right to use my bank account. At this point, I want to skip over the part about getting the visa experience to enter the U.S., because it is not the focus I have in this article. But it was a very exciting testimony with regards to obtaining the visa for Kveta, my fiancé.

The thing I want to write about here is the one-eyed man experience of this trip. We, as people, are always aware of our views, experiences, and knowledge. And we often judge ourselves, as well as the others, through our own eyes. For example, I often do plastering in the house of Brother Radek in Tursko the village nearby Prague

and the place, where we want to build new church building. We are all unlearned and without experience in building, that's why we learn by doing it! After some time I thought that I was good at it and I did it very well. But then, I went to visit the family of my fiancé and offered them some help in plastering the old house of Kveta's grandma. Then the confrontation with reality came! Her father is doing it really very well! All my illusions of my abilities were quickly destroyed and I humbly started to learn how to plaster! And praise God! Now I really know it! In Czech, we have a parable, which says, "The one-eyed man is the king of the blind." It means, you suppose you know something or are something by comparing yourself with your environment or other people, you know! But, that is not the reality. This is the kind of experience I had when I came to Mahomet. I thought of myself, that I was a good worker. When someone needed some help, I was always the first one who offered his help. But the Lord prepared the Mahomet sun for me, without any shelter and the people who seemed to be much better and more patient workers than I!

So, now, the one-eyed man is among the people with both eyes and it is a very profitable and very changing experience. Praise God! I now see and am able to decide if I want to climb higher or not. This principle functions everywhere! I know we need to compare ourselves with our Lord, but we also need to compare ourselves with the Lord in our brethren! And be assured that our brethren do not live only in our personal environment, but also in other places around the world as well as in the heavenlies! That's why I read the books of men like David Brainerd, Hudson Taylor, C.T. Studd, Jonathan Wesley and many, many others. They challenge me! They confront me! They are the best mirrors to the particular parts of my Christian behavior. For I want to be challenged, I want to be changed! And, of course, I want to climb up higher. Climbing up higher is a very practical thing. Some of us think that climbing to the mountaintop is possible while lying on a bed. I simply don't want to find myself in a position of a one-eyed man in the day of His coming and in the day of the unveiling of the sons of God! I hope you don't either! So, I encourage you to try it for yourself! And thank you a lot for the Bible University of the First Fruits Produce in Mahomet, Illinois! You need to try it, it tastes really good!!!



Melissa Trotter

I love hearing the Word of God. I love hearing it and having it witness with what God has been speaking to me personally. I love hearing different speakers from different places and seeing how what they share all ties together into one main thing that the Lord is speaking in this time.

I don't have a thorough report, so to speak, of the convention, just thoughts I have had as I have meditated on what I heard. As I am writing this, I am thinking about the Word printed in this bulletin by Brother Martin Kluson, which I just read. It is excellent. It is simple to understand and plainly shows what our purpose in life is, IF we intend to be 100% sold out to God and want to be His son. Our goal, our aim, in one example, is to journey through the tabernacle, partaking of the spiritual symbolism of all the pieces of furniture and end up in the Holy of Holies without a shred of humanity left. But the thing that I am concerned about is where I am in my journey to be a son, for even the very first thing, the Brazen Altar, is a place of death. God intends for us to die. Baptism in water means dying with Christ, dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God. Baptism in the Holy Spirit also means to be immersed in the Spirit, not a bit of me showing, being led by the Spirit of God. I believe we have heard a lot of words about this - a lot of words, a lot of teaching. I heard during the convention that we, the church, have not used what God has given us. The Word has been given to CHANGE us! But what I have heard lately is taking it up a notch - or two or three notches. The stakes are higher. The train is moving. The

end of time is upon us. Brother Burt said that we need the revelation of Jesus' eminent return! God wants our sights set totally, unequivocally on Him. What I see is that the Word that is coming is for a Holy Place people, a Body that is in the Holy Place and that can see the veil that separates them from the Holy of Holies. The Word we have heard lately is about eternity and keeping our eyes fixed on the I AM. I would think that it would be very difficult to keep focused on the I AM, with all the ruckus and turmoil going on out in the Outer Court. If I am inside the Holy Place, it is rather difficult to be distracted by the big, wide world out there. Therefore, it is time to come in, come closer, overcome some more, have ourselves focused on our destination. I imagine being in the natural Holy Place. I can see myself enjoying the magnificence of the gold and the beauty of the walls and the furniture. But, I would be drawn to that veil because I know something awesome is on the other side. "What is it like on the other side? I want to get there! That veil is just hanging there, drawing me towards it, just by its very presence. If it is so wondrous in here, what must it be like in there, past the veil? It must be so very awesome, I am afraid of it. I must get there with some work and fear and trembling. But my eyes can't get away from that veil. I want to get right in front of it!"

Brother duCille spoke about us being conduits of the power and the glory of God. Conduits of the glory of God reminds me of the purpose of the Lampstand in the Tabernacle - to let the light of Jesus Christ come through us. Brother duCille said that God wants sons, people who will conduct His power and glory into this sick world we live in and that we should do all that is possible to be conductors of this glory; we must concentrate on the things of God, like the Blood of Jesus.

The next point that has been reverberating through my mind came after hearing these verses during the convention. John 1:12, ***But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: ¹³Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*** It seems elementary to me, as I think about it, but God was saying to me that my physical, natural birth was not because my Mom and Dad decided to have children, not because it "just happened" but it was the will of God that I was born. I think God purposely gave me that tidbit of encouragement to solidify the fact in my mind that it was God's will that I was born and that He has created the entire environment of my life to bring me to the place of becoming His son. I want that! Also, when I decided to believe in Jesus Christ, I became born of God. My life has a purpose, and God wants me to be His son, He loved me before

I loved Him. Brother Burt was speaking about the fact that I didn't choose my destiny, God did and He will bring it to pass - all I have to do is die. Sounds simple, huh? He doesn't command us to obey His commandments and lose our lives to be mean, but He says, John 15:11, *These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.* Brother Burt said that we don't want to die because we have no hope of resurrection! No wonder so many times the devil is able to get us down with the "Poor me, I have it so bad, or I will be like Him on my own" syndrome. We must get that hope of resurrection, like our brethren in Hebrews 11 had. I think they wanted to live in the time we live in now! And now, they are waiting for us to be made perfect, so that they can be made perfect (Hebrews 11:35,40).

Sister Mavis spoke a short but powerful word about being profitable or unprofitable. She said to make sure that we are profitable now. Also, to question ourselves, whether we are being unprofitable or profitable. It was the same thing that Brother Burt had been sharing with the bulletin staff about the man that did his duty, did exactly what was required of him and yet he was called unprofitable (Luke 17:7-10).

We heard again during the convention, and also in some of the meetings here in Mahomet, previous to the convention, about agape love. It looks like agape love plays an intricate part in our overcoming. The following are some of my thoughts about this. I Corinthians 13:1-3 says, *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, 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 charity, 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.* Though I do all these good things, though I have faith, though I give my body to be burned, though I do my duty, if I do not have love, I am nothing. We heard a word here that Sister Pavlina gave to the children and to demonstrate this lack of love, she took two pot lids and banged them together. It was an awful sound, an awful clanging. It really showed how bad having no agape love is. It says that if I don't have agape love, it profiteth me nothing. Going back to the thought of the unprofitable servant, I would venture to say that he did not have love. He did all the right things, but it ended up as nothing. In other words, if you do not love God and one another, it is guaranteed that you will be unprofitable.

II Corinthians 4:6-7 says, *For God, who commanded the light*

to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷*But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.* This verse is a foundation for showing the love of God, on the premise that God's love hath shined in our hearts. But, He put the treasure in these earthen vessels, our mortal flesh, so that there would be no mistaking that the glorious light was from Him. God intends that He Himself, His agape love, would be manifest in all that comes out of us, in our words and our actions.

II Corinthians 4:10-12, *Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.* ¹¹ *For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.* ¹² *So then death worketh in us, but life in you.* Paul was talking about laying down his life so that the life of Jesus would be made manifest in our mortal flesh. This life being made manifest is quite simply the glory of God shining to others around us. So then, as death worketh in me, loving others to the point of laying down my life for them, it is life to them. Paul said it so aptly when he said that *death worketh in us, but life in you.* Paul was experiencing death to his flesh as his love poured out to his brethren, which obviously would give them life. Jesus said in John 15:12-13, *This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.* The greatest love is laying down your life for others. It is only by laying down our lives for Jesus AND for one another, that we can become sons.

It goes on to say in II Corinthians 4:15, *For all things are for your sakes...* Paul was suffering because he loved others. AND his suffering was delivering him! He says, verse 16, *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.* His inward man wasn't dying! It was being renewed, rejuvenated! *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.* Paul had great revelation. He knew that he was getting something eternal, yet that eternalness was contained in his "here and now"! In looking up "eternal," one of the definitions in Strong's Concordance is "perpetual." The Greek word for "eternal" is also used for past and future. That means to me that it is starting right now. Right now, the inward man is renewed day by day, right now our light affliction is working, working, working for that perpetual weight or depth or deepness of glory. Eternity is happening RIGHT NOW. When you look at the defini-

tion of the phrase “far more exceeding” in Strong’s it means “to or into (indicating the point reached or entered).” The verb, “worketh” is active. That means it is working for us, into the point reached or entered. That means the deepness of glory, the eternalness of glory is being achieved RIGHT NOW. And how is it being accomplished? By bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, but doing our bearing with agape love, or else our suffering is nothing or unprofitable.

Jesus said so many times to love your neighbor as yourself. That is a pretty big commandment, considering how much we love ourselves. He also said to love one another, as we love Him. Our love to Him can be determined by how much we love our brother.

Brother duCille spoke about us being a conduit of the power and glory of God. I would venture to say that you cannot be a conduit of God’s eternal weight of glory if you do not agape love the ones you are flowing to.

To sum it all up, I have been greatly challenged by the past meetings. It has been increasingly clear that our devilish human nature intends to manifest itself, that we ourselves will proclaim the sin within us for all to see. I pray that the Word we have heard will change us on the inside, that our “light affliction” will not prove to be unprofitable, but that it will work for us an eternal weight of glory. The man that had not on the wedding garment got all the way in, but when the king came, representing when Jesus comes back, he did not qualify, his garment was something other than righteousness. Nadab and Abihu made it all the way to the altar of incense just fine, but they were devoured by the fire of God. “Oh Lord, cleanse me, make all things new, purify me through and through. Cause me to lead a life that’s true, so that I might serve You.”

Stacy Asbill

It seems to me that, as we come to corporate gatherings such as conventions, God continues to speak in the same vein that which He has been speaking in our local fellowships. I believe this is a witness to what God is saying in this hour, but even more than that, it speaks of our lack to really grasp hold of what He is saying and to begin to move in it. Without a doubt, God is speaking to His people in this hour and we are in a time that we desperately need to hear what He is saying. ***He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches*** (Revelation 2:29).

As I have been thinking about the conference and all that the Lord was speaking to us, I think the main theme (at least to me) could be summed up in the following two questions: where are we at (spiritually speaking) and where do we need to be? By the word that was coming forth, we find, in answer to those two questions, that God desires His people to be in a certain position and that we are not there.

One of the admonishments we heard was that we are not allowing the Word, the revelation of God's Word that comes forth in the midst of our meetings to bring about the change in us in our daily lives. I know that, many times in the midst of "life" I find my heart crying out for the presence and reality of the Lord in each and every circumstance. I am not satisfied to remain in the place of functioning how Stacy functions, but yearn to move and think and respond as Christ would. I believe this same desire was expressed by David in Psalm 17:15, ***As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.***

Another thought that was expressed concerning our position (or the lack thereof) was that we, as a Body tend to measure ourselves on a horizontal level. In other words, we look at those, say, in other churches around us and think, "Well, we are doing pretty good!" I think that that is probably one of the devil's tactics that he uses against the people of God because, if we think that we are doing good, why would we then press in to overcome or come up higher with the Lord? Isaiah 64:6 says, ***But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*** God does not measure His people against humanity, but He measures us by His Son. We see this principle found in Romans 8:29. ***For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed (#4822: fashioned like unto) to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*** God has called us to be sons and to be His son, we must become like Christ, His firstborn. If we are comparing ourselves to Tom, Dick, and Harry, we will never attain to being like Jesus.

During the conference we also heard a word pertaining to time and eternity. This word has been coming to us for the past several months and is pertinent to us in this hour that we live in. Whenever I hear this word, I think about something that Brother Leonard Ravenhill used to say and that is that we need "eternity stamped on our eyeballs." To me that means that everything that consists of who we are, what we think, say, and do should be done with the thought of eternity before us. For

me, personally, I find that there is some aspect of the “here and now” that tends to cloud out the thought of eternity. As a mom my natural surroundings seem to be an endless cycle of dishes, laundry, mess, and kids running around. While I wouldn’t trade it for anything else in the world, I also find that the continual motion of it all tends toward the natural plane. So I am finding that in the monotony of life, there is a place that we can begin to move in a higher plane. As I meditate on the Word and even ask God about whatever I am naturally doing, He begins to speak and minister His life that brings me up out of this carnal realm and into that higher place with Him. As I am writing this, a picture comes to me that I think illustrates this point. When you go on an airplane, particularly to travel overseas, the plane reaches such a high altitude that it is flying above the clouds and the storms. There is such a visual clarity in that place and if you were down on earth looking up into the sky, you would not be able to see the same thing that those in the plane could see. So how can we get in that place? Well, the airplane requires a great deal of fuel to propel it into that position of a higher dimension. With us it requires a constant effort and diligence to get our minds focused on the Lord and not this natural realm. We heard the scripture just a few days ago that pertains to this. It is found in Romans 8:7, ***Because the carnal*** (#4561 meaning: human nature, flesh) ***mind*** (#5427 meaning: mental inclination or purpose) ***is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*** The definitions in this verse really stuck out to me because if we continue in our natural state of thinking and moving, the Word says that it is against God! I don’t know about you, but when I read the word “carnal,” I think of fleshly indulgences. According to the Word, though, just being “human” defines carnality! We have to actively work, on a continual basis, to bring our minds in subjection to the Lord and catch a glimpse of eternity. ***And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force*** (Matthew 11:12).

Another Word that came to us during the convention was on love. Here again, this is something that the Lord has been speaking to us about for quite some time. We just recently edited and put together three words in the Omega Message and all were pertaining to the love of God. I have been meditating a lot on I Corinthians 13 and what it means to really agape love. First the Lord brought to mind John 3:16, ***For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting***

life. The part that stuck out to me was, For God so loved the world, that He gave. The next scripture that came to me was, ***Greater love (agape) hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends*** (John 15:13). There is a characteristic or quality about agape love and that is giving. When I was thinking about all this, I thought it was interesting that the King James Version of the Bible translates agape love as “charity” because we usually associate charity with giving. What is it that we are to give? Well, in the first verse I quoted here (John 3:16) it says that God gave His Son. He gave out of His own being. What are we to give? Our ourselves. If that sounds a little far out there, then read I Corinthians 13 for it plainly spells out how, very practically and naturally, we are to exemplify agape love. When you think about it, agape love really begins at the Brazen Altar. It starts by laying down your life. ***Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love (agape) the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.***³⁸ ***This is the first and great commandment.***³⁹ ***And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love (agape) thy neighbour as thyself*** (Matthew 22:37-39).

As I think back and continue to meditate on the words that came forth over this past July convention, I find myself challenged. As always, it is so vital to chew the word, to get the tapes and allow that which was ministered to bring forth the life that God intends it to. I believe we have been given our “marching orders” so onward Christian soldiers!

Wesley Schell

The July Conference is different for me than all the rest of the conferences, because it is held in Mahomet where I live. Due to that, my responsibilities at the farm are still present. The conference started on Friday, which is our big harvest day to prepare for farmers market Saturday morning. It takes us all day Friday to prepare. We started at 5:00 A.M. with 10 people and did almost all the field work in five hours. Half of the crew attended the meeting and the other half continued to prepare. I was in and out on Friday and Saturday mornings meeting because of my commitment to the farm. When I did make it into the meetings, I was asked to help with other logistical matters, such as trash removal, table preparation, emptying coolers, or going to the store. It can be very busy when two or three people are asking you to do something right this minute. With all this rushing and going my attitude

started to creep up slowly until I was saying in my heart, “Where is more help? Why am I doing all this alone?” I would grab a person to help out, but as soon as the task was over they boogied. About a half an hour after the pinnacle of the attitude occurred, I was by myself working and a prior conversation that I had with a friend jumped into my head.

We were talking one day about how willing or unwilling are you to pay the price. At the time, my commitment at the farm was a full time job. I was there every day and got my work done every day. Sounds good right? No. God wants His people to go the extra step or mile. I was only doing that which was required and nothing else, much to the similitude of the parable of the unprofitable servant. During this conversation, I was telling my friend that I was willing to pay the price. He told me that I had a problem, then, because my actions were not demonstrating that of a willing heart to do above and beyond asked or required. Maybe I was speaking that I was willing to pay the price in faith because I want the fullness of God and that requires paying the full price.

Back to the conference, where I was wondering where everyone else was to shoulder some of the convention labor. Was I willing to pay the price? My attitude sure did not demonstrate the characteristic of willingness or servanthood. I was so focused about little old me. Why me? Can't other people help out a little? This was what was going on in my soul. Suddenly, God opened my eyes to the stench of my rotten attitude that was polluting my mind. I felt horrible because of the corrupt thoughts that I was having. I had to repent instantly of this defiling activity I was participating in. God put a song into my mind that furthered my repenting. “Though none go with me, yet I will follow, no turning back, no turning back.” Though none help me, yet I'll be righteous, no selfishness, no selfishness. That attitude was a hellish attitude that demonstrated that part of my soul was not willing to pay the full price. These attitudes creep up most often when “my time” is being taken away from me. My personal time that I like to do my thing. Selfishness! The truth is that our lives are not our own and that entitles our time also. I think God is weaning me of the concept that humans have about needing personal time. My time, don't touch it. I want it. I will do what I want during this time frame. This is what happens sadly to say, maybe not verbally but attitude wise. Mr. Asbill has a concept called the expendability quotient. Just how much are you willing to be expended: financially, physically, mentally, or of your time? 0%, 30%,

60%, 99% or 100%? He said the only way it is alright to be anything less than 100% and still be numbered among the sons of God is that your desire is 100% and a change comes in your life down the road of being totally expendable. I thank God for the situation He had me in and most importantly for opening my eyes so that this attitude can meet the Blood of Jesus and be cleansed.

Some people say that they are only human when attitudes that express their nature occur. I would agree with them, but a little differently. Human nature is not of God. We are born with a human nature that is compatible with hell and until receiving what Jesus Christ did on the cross and repenting, humans will remain with a hellish nature, no matter how good one might look in mans eyes. Once born again, a beam of light blasts through the black soul. God expects this light to grow and expand its borders by overcoming the darkness that is around it. I am speaking about the human soul now. This is real spiritual growth where the Kingdom of God grows in your soul and the attributes of God are replacing the attributes of hell. Love for hate. Obedience for disobedience. Respectfulness for disrespect. And on and on and on. This is what I want. I want my soul to be totally transformed to the likeness of Jesus Christ. This is the main reason why I anticipate these rotten attitudes surfacing because at that moment of time the power is available through repenting and asking for deliverance for the ight to overcome darkness. Hallelujah. Praise be to God.

Kate Trotter

For me to look back and express my thoughts on the entire convention is no small task. So much happens during one convention! God moves and speaks before, after and, most definitely, during the meetings. I am very thankful that He gave me the opportunity and the time to participate in and attend this conference and my desire is that the work that He was doing with me during the conference would continue even though I have returned to my regular schedule.

There are some times when I have left a conference with the feeling that I was very blessed. Joy abundant fills my soul and I am rejoicing at what God has done and the delight of His presence in the meetings. However, this conference has left me with the knowledge, not the feeling, that I have been blessed, because God was talking to me and dealing with different issues in my soul. This is a blessing indeed, for I had been in a place where I really desired to hear from God. I

wanted the washing of the water of the Word to come into me. What I received was correction. Correction is a blessing? Yes. (Hebrews ?) It shows me that God has not yet given up on my soul. God took the time to correct me in different areas that I thought were correct and proper, but I had been wrong. It was not an easy time, for I found I was struggling to repent, to truly turn away from where I had been, in all areas of my soul – the mind, will, emotions and desires. My fleshly thoughts were not giving up and going away very easily, and I found I had to repent and pray again and again! There was ample opportunity for this during the praise and worship in each meeting. Every time I was opening my heart to God while singing, He would again deal with the issues He wanted to correct. It was the perfect time to deal with them, because when you open your heart to God in worship, He is able to go directly to the heart of the matter and point it out – so I found! Sister Beverly Chatic stood up in the first meeting and shared that God had spoken to her that these meetings would be a time of repentance. With all that I was experiencing, I believe that she heard God!

I think that the most prominent part of the conference for me was the night that Brother Burt Asbill was preaching. During the word, he made the statement that God is not pleased with us. This cut very deeply into my heart, because my hidden desire, what I believe I really want most, is to be pleasing to Him. I can be working hard and doing all the “right” things, and still not have what it takes to be a pleasure to Him. I came away feeling a greater longing to get my act together to become a pleasure and a joy to my Lord. I do not want my carnal desires, my carnal will, my carnal mind and my carnal emotions to get in the way of pleasing my Lord. We heard the answer during the convention as well – die to yourself. Give up every part of you. Let it all go down into the grave and become a son, not a servant, of God.

The following day, we heard from Sister Mavis duCille. She brought a word on the very subject that our bulletin staffers have been thinking and hearing about. The topic was the unprofitable servant from Luke 17:7-10. Sister duCille suggested that we all do a study on profitable and unprofitable, so that we can find out what it takes to become profitable to God. This was very encouraging to me. I have been thinking much about being profitable to God. I do not believe I will be profitable and pleasing to God by just filling my slot in the earth and doing what I am supposed to do. No, instead, I believe that I must go above and beyond my call of duty in the earth and do more than I am expected to do. Not only did Sister duCille touch on that aspect of

being profitable, she also looked at it from a different perspective. She posed the thought that we should be leaving a profitable seed in everything we say and do. If we have a conversation that leaves the other person feeling “shattered,” then we have left an unprofitable seed. We have not edified God, the church, the other person, etc. We must strive to be profitable servants that love our God and want to please Him. In this way, we will become sons.

I have left the days of the conference praying that I would be willing and obedient to lay aside all that I want, in order to become a son of God. I do not want to miss the destiny that I have in Christ by being myself – instead of dying to self and being like Him. May God help each and every one of us to make the mark for which we have been created. God bless you all.

Shannon Asbill

It was very interesting to hear Sister duCille begin to talk about being profitable or unprofitable servants. Just a few days before, we had been in our weekly K.I.T. meeting and had been hearing a similar talk. As I listened to Sister duCille, though, I began to think about our attitudes. She spoke briefly about the need for us to leave Life in every situation we find ourselves in, a good seed that brings glory to God and edifies the church. She said that when we find ourselves in an unprofitable situation, we can work on it to make it profitable, for God has given us all we need to be profitable.

PROF'ITABLE, a. Yielding or bringing profit or gain; gainful; lucrative; as a profitable trade; profitable business; a profitable study or profession. 1. Useful; advantageous.

I've been thinking a lot lately about our attitudes, especially the attitudes we have when we are called to work. I've been finding myself in situations quite a lot lately that remind of me of a vision I had several years ago. I was at a convention and I happened to overhear one of the elders say that they were very tired, and it was only about the 2nd day of the convention. I asked the Lord, “How could he be tired? The meetings only just started.” As soon as I thought the question, I saw a vision. In the vision, there was a very large load that was needing to be lifted. There were many, many people standing under the load, but there was only one here and one there under the load that were actually lifting it,

and they were struggling under the weight. Everyone else was sort of milling about, concerned with their own things, and not helping. As I looked at the vision, I thought, “If those other people would just lift up their hands and help hold the burden, it would be easier for everyone. There would be less load for each person to carry.” I have been thinking about this a lot in the past few weeks, because there have been many situations lately that have caused me to realize just how much our attitudes, toward the Word that we hear and the work that we have to do in the midst of the Body, either help or create more work for the others involved.

As Sister duCille spoke, I was very much quickened to the thought that our thoughts and attitudes really do determine what we do with every situation we get into, and her admonition to us to make every situation profitable to the Lord really caught my attention. Since the convention I have been thinking a lot about the unprofitable servant, and the 1, 5, and 10 talents. What occurred to me as I thought about that story was the fact that the two that increased their talents were able to do that because they took the talents the Lord gave them and treated them as if they were their own. I mean, the thought that I have is, yes, there are those who will take someone else’s things and have no problem squandering them, but they are very careful and diligent with their own. And then there are those who will blow their own stuff, but are so very careful with someone else’s. The thought I have about this parable, though, is that the talent became their own and they worked to increase it as if it had always just been theirs and they weren’t just working to do it for someone else. The unprofitable servant took the talent, looked at his master, and because his *attitude* toward his master said that the master was just not a nice guy, he takes what isn’t his... “If I increase it, he’s gonna take it, if I don’t increase it, he’s gonna take it, if I lose it, he might take something that was *mine*... I’ll just keep it right here, that way I’ll be sure to have at least that to give back to him when he returns.”

It made me think about this word that we are hearing. So many times it would be so much easier to say, “Well, that’s what so-and-so believes/preaches/lives, but I don’t think that really applies to me/my situation...” or, “God might be requiring that of THEM, but I don’t really need to go to such extremes...” and we put the word off as though it was someone else’s and not really for us at all. It makes me think how we need to see this word and the Word as so very precious, something that was delivered just for me, and take it to ourselves, make it ours,

culture it and make sure that it grows well in our own lives. We need to make sure that the way we think and our attitudes are such that every situation we are in, trivial, monumental, bad or good, is used to make the Word grow in our hearts and in the hearts of each and every one that we encounter. It so requires us to always have in our minds the End that God is trying to bring us to and to always have in mind the Goal of the Lord – that is, that we would be Sons.

Matthew 25:14, *For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. ¹⁵And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. ¹⁶Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. ¹⁷And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. ¹⁸But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. ¹⁹After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. ²⁰And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. ²¹His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. ²²He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. ²³His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. ²⁴Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: ²⁵And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. ²⁶His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: ²⁷Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. ²⁸Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. ²⁹For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. ³⁰And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

Katie Sigwarth

Truth be told, I started this testimony three times. But whenever I had an idea about what to write, I never got farther than a sentence or two before I couldn't think of what to say or where to go next. So I finally did what I should have done in the beginning, I set the paper aside and started praying. What came to me was *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him ... and man became a living soul.* (Genesis 1:26a & 2:7) I said, "Thank you, Lord." But after writing it down I thought "What does that have to do with the convention?" So I sat back to think and pray some more. The word that came to me next was character. By now I was really wondering what I was going to do; I couldn't think of any meeting during the convention where either of the two things had been elaborated on. So, for two days I've been thinking about the convention and those two thoughts. Suprisingly enough, to me anyway, was how much that actually has to do with the convention.

The whole convention was about what we need to do to be in God's image and likeness, His character, not ours. Brother duCille shared about love and how we need God's agape love flowing through us. He said, "God wants one message to get to our hearts 'Love one another as I have loved you.'" "He who walks in love walks in God and God in Him."

God created us a living soul, one that should breathe, flow, emulate His greatness, power, and love. We learned about the power (exousia) that God has given us, the logos and rhema that are in the scriptures and how we should look at it and apply it to ourselves. Sister Mavis spoke about the profitable and unprofitable servant. It makes me think, "What is my character in that area? Am I being profitable to God and others? Or am I being unprofitable?"

God created me to be in His image and likeness and He is giving and equipping me with tools like exousia, logos, rhema and love so that I may truly become in His image and likeness, a living breathing soul, a son of God.

During one of the meetings, Brother Burt said "Have you started in the spiritual to end in the flesh?" God created us in His image, in His nature to be like Him. Every day when I wake up, I have the opportunity to be spiritual, to be in God and like God all day, to not slide into the flesh but portray God's image. Mr. Schneider said, "Have you ever thought of shaking the dust off your feet?" I've let the dust settle on

and around my feet, and I pretend it's not there. Instead I look at my environment through rose-colored glasses, not seeing the dust on my feet. God wants me to really look, to not live in my own dust-covered environment, but to look on the outside, top, bottom, see the whole, dust covered picture, and shake it from my feet. Not sit back and relax and let the dust gather like it does to figurines on a shelf. I was created in God's image, a living soul fit for the Master's use. One thing I wrote in my notes was, "God is going to bring forth His church whether I am in it or not. Whether I fulfill His plan for me or not." Now, I can look at this from a few different angles. I can say, "Oh, great! Now I don't have to try at all, not overcoming won't hinder God's plan one bit." Another option is completely ignore the statement and choose to pretend I never heard it. The third option is what came to me. I thought, "I don't think so, I'm not about to let a rock take my place (Matthew 3:9 & Luke 3:8). I was created for such a time as this, for a specific time and place. I'm not going to let God's church come forth without me. It's time for me to shake the dust from my feet and work towards being a son of God."

I was very encouraged and admonished to take my eyes off the natural, my environment and focus my eyes on God. Stop trying to preserve what I think is life, and turn my attention completely on God.

Nathaniel Chattic

In writing this, I find myself still processing over that fact that the conference is OVER. It seemed as if Friday streamed into Monday rather quickly, and I, for one, am eagerly awaiting the DVDs and the MP3s in order to review and re-review the meetings. I must say this before going any further with this testimonial, and that is how much of a blessing and privilege it is to be involved with the brethren. I look forward to these gatherings, not only because it allows me to see familiar faces, as well as meet new people, but to see how God will move in the midst of His people. Sometimes, I think we gloss over the verse, probably because we have heard or quoted it so often, that says where two or more are gathered together in My name (Matthew 18:20). There is so much significance to that verse. Where two or more of God's people, His chosen, His elect, are gathered together in one accord, or of one mind, there is an expectation that comes that we share when we come together in fellowship; we want to meet God. We want to commune with Him, and see Him move in our midst. He so much desires to

for us to obtain the fullness of that which we are in need of, and when we open up to God, He will pour out Himself to us that we would receive what we need from Him. I have been tremendously blessed with the word that has come forth recently concerning the love of God. Brother duCille was sharing on it again at the conference, and I believe that God loves His people so much that He has made each and every provision for us, He has given us, through His Word, the key to become prosperous in our spiritual walk. All that He is asking for us to do is to believe in Him. We have known about God for a while, some of us for quite some time, but He wants us to believe in Him, to know Him. And there is a difference between knowing God and knowing about Him. God is wooing us to come back to our first love.

God desires sons, and His intent is for His sons to be awakening in this hour. God has given us the ability, the AUTHORITY, to overcome every "ite" that has dwelled in our land for far too long, every familiar spirit that has passed down the family line, every circumstance or situation that in the natural seems insurmountable. It has been very encouraging to hear how many brethren are gaining victory and liberty by the power of the Blood of Christ, and the wind of the Holy Spirit blowing on them, and God transforming their circumstances. It is really something to rejoice in, especially at this time. The mouth of hell is wide open, and there are many, many things that our adversary is bombarding us with in order to distract, discourage, and deter us from going on in the things and the ways of the Lord. But God has given us a mandate from Heaven that says, "Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy!" Hallelujah!

It takes active participation on our part to press through during these times of hardship. Everyday the warfare seems to become increasingly, for lack of a better word, HARDER. And just as it appears that you are getting somewhere, another thing comes in, and the warfare continues, continues, continues. But the Lord sees our circumstances, and us, and His desire is to see that potential that He planted in us to make itself manifest when the fire comes. It is not that intent of God that we remain bound, low-down, earthly creatures. Quite the contrary, ***For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren*** (Romans 8:29). We were created in the image of God, and the Lord wants to bring us into that place where we are also in His likeness, completely and totally hidden in Christ.

I often think about where I would be, and what type of person I

could have become if God did not give me hope through salvation. We see so many people out in the world, seeking solace and finding none in the temporal pleasures the world has to offer. I believe that there are people who are searching for life that only God can provide. I am seeing so many ‘reality’ television shows in the entertainment industry, it’s ridiculous! But that is what people are looking for, a reality, something that won’t depreciate in value as it were, and there are many things Satan has planted to scatter the sheep, and rob many individuals of their potential destinies in God. All that we see and hear, the music, the movies, television, what we read, clothes, various hobbies and activities, provide a temporal satisfaction to our natural man. But God wants our spiritual senses to be exercised, and that takes commitment, diligence, and active participation. ***And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force*** (Matthew 11:12). For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. For every progressive step we take as people of God in our spiritual walk, as both a corporate body and in our individual situations, the devil is right there to react, to contend, and to rise up against you and I. He wants us to look at each circumstance with a low-level vision, to look inside of our parameters instead of looking out to God. Life is not going about carrying on a routine everyday. It is about preparation, consecration and separation, lending your all to the service of the Father. God desires our whole heart, but we have to willingly submit in order to fully prosper in the things of the Lord. I think the Word acts like a mirror sometimes; I look into it, and what I see of Nathaniel, and my humanity that wants to rise up and cloud the manifestation of Christ coming forth in me needs to go. Think of the treasures that we can lay up in heaven if we do what God is requiring of us to do here on earth.

I do not want any uncertainty lingering above my head as to whether or not my destiny in God is secure. I think about how much of what I perceive to be important to me I hold onto, without considering what I am giving up concerning the things of God. I don’t want compromise to work in my soul and become a detriment to the plan that God has for me. God desires for us to finish this race, not just to get into heaven, but to receive the totality of the blessing, of the destiny that He has for each and every one of us. Let us continue to be open to the leading of the Lord in this hour, and strive for that position of sonship that God ordained for us from the very beginning. God bless you.

Kid's Chronicles



The July Conference - By Isaac Trotter

In a couple of days, the conference will be here. We have been fasting for two days. I hope a lot of people come. I want to see God move throughout it. I am really looking forward for God to bless us abundantly. May I hope that all the people from overseas and far away would get here safely. The End

After the Conference - By Isaac Trotter

I was very blessed to be at the conference.

I really liked the baptism because my cousin Anna was getting closer to God.

My experience at the conference was that God needed to work in me. Sometimes I was being religious and I needed to be delivered from the spirit of religion. I would do what is wrong and then I would have to repent. God bless you.