


KEEPING IN TOUCH

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*...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*



²¹THY PEOPLE ALSO SHALL BE ALL RIGHTEOUS: THEY SHALL INHERIT THE LAND FOREVER, THE BRANCH OF MY PLANTING, THE WORK OF MY HANDS, THAT I MAY BE GLORIFIED. ²²A LITTLE ONE SHALL BECOME A THOUSAND, AND A SMALL ONE A STRONG NATION: I THE LORD WILL HASTEN IT IN HIS TIME. **ISAIAH 60:21-22**

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JAMAICA CONVENTION
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WE HAVE MANY TESTIMONIES THIS TIME - ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOU, AS WELL AS US, TO OVERCOME THE DEVIL BY THE WORD OF OUR TESTIMONIES. THERE IS A SPOTLIGHT ON BROTHER BLAINE SNYDER, WHO IS NOW PART OF OUR FELLOWSHIP. WE HAVE TWO EXCELLENT WORDS THAT WILL GIVE YOU MUCH MEAT ON WHICH TO CHEW AND MEDITATE. ONE IS BY OUR CZECH BROTHER, MARTIN KLUSON, AND THE OTHER BY BROTHER CECIL DUCILLE. PLEASE ALSO SEE THE REPORT ON THE CZECH CONFERENCE!

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GOD'S

FIVE-FOLD

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Brother Cecil duCille Atlanta, Georgia Friday Afternoon December 30th, 2005

I believe that we will have a church where the apostolic vision will be clear and plain and straight, where the prophets will prophecy, where the evangelists will evangelize, where the shepherds will shepherd, where the teachers will teach, and they will all say the same thing. Hallelujah. **This** is what God says He is going to have before Jesus comes. He is not saying that He is going to have it **when** Jesus comes. He is going to have it **before** His appearance. Let me put it that way, because "Jesus comes" can mean more than one thing. Before the "appearing," or parousia (G3952) of Jesus Christ, He will have a church without spot, without blemish, without wrinkle, or any such thing (Ephesians 5:27). Hallelujah.

The LORD began to speak to me about the situation. I saw my right hand. I saw the right hand, and I know that God has a right hand and a left hand. The **right hand** always depicts the Spirit, and the **left hand** always depicts the natural. It is easy for me to pick this [Bible] up with my right hand, but if I am going to pick this [podium] up, I need two hands. He began to show me a peculiar thing, and I saw all of you brethren participating. Can everybody hold on to your thumb for me? Take your left hand and hold your right thumb. Now feel how awkward it is to try to lift up anything, you know, to do anything without your thumb. Now hold the other finger that represents the prophet (index finger), and see what happens? It is not as bad when you hold that finger, but it is awfully awkward. Now hold the evangelist (middle finger). Then hold the other fingers. It seems to me that **ALL** of them are essen-

tial, and God would not have a church without them. But the one finger that is there, maybe it functions halfway but it is painful and it is hard to lift. You still can work it, but you have pain when you work it. Some arthritis or something is in the finger and it doesn't work very well. Nevertheless, unless it is a chronic situation, nobody would know.

Let us read some scriptures. Amen. Let us turn to Psalm 110:1, **The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.** Psalm 98:1, **O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.** His right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. Sometimes we repeat scriptures and we never think very much about them. What is God's right hand anyhow? We also need to consider that if God has a right hand, then He has a **left hand**. He said, **Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.** So we see then that God's **right hand** is a Spirit hand. The peculiar thing is that God wants the **left hand** to be in with the right hand to bring forth the victory. David went forth into battle, and it was he that went in to slaughter the enemy, but when he came out, he said that it was **His right hand** that had gotten them the victory.

God wants to be in us. A revelation came to me some months ago. God was walking in the garden every evening with Adam, and somehow or the other, God had an intention. He had an intention. He longed not only to walk in the garden, but also to walk in the garden that was inside

of Adam. God wanted to be **in** Adam. Now, Adam, he was walking with God in the evening. Did it ever occur to you that none of us know how long that happened? We do not know how long it happened. All we know is that there was a relationship between God and man wherein was all the perspicacity, the perceptiveness of man, the ability to perceive, to know, to understand, to see, and to be fully conscious of both spiritual and natural. THAT ability was in Adam, for we understand from medical science that the portion of the brain that is used is quite small compared to the total mass. It was not so in the beginning. Adam lost about 75% of his brain when he fell. There is a part of us that isn't used at all - the ability to perceive.

A while ago, when we were praying, I saw people moving up and down in here. Some of them started getting mad when some of you were surrendering yourselves to God, and they walked out. God said, "If you will resist the devil, he will flee from you" (James 4:7). And the Word of God says that one day, when the Sons of God gathered together, Satan came **also** (Job 1:6, 2:1). Did you ever understand that the Bible used the word **also**? *...the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.* When we gather together, there are things in us that do not please God. There are spirits in us, there are movements in us that are not of God. When you begin to praise God, these things begin to leave! Do you know why? Because darkness cannot stand when light comes in, and the moment that you open up yourself to God, light begins to flood into you and everything that is not of God begins to leave. Sometimes their movement motivates your feet to carry them out of the light. Sometimes they will leave on their own and wait outside the door for you. When you get outside, then you get back your idiosyncrasies, your bad ways. God is saying to us that something is happening to us at **this time**, in **this age**, to **this people**, and **He wants a people to be awake and alive!** Hallelujah. I could not always see. At one time, I was as blind as anybody else. But then, when Jesus came into my life, the first thing I saw was Jesus. The first thing that I saw in my Christian life was Jesus. Now, you know that Jesus is here today. Is anybody here seeing Him? Are you seeing Him? We just perceive Him. We believe that He is here. We know that He is here.

When I became a young Christian, I accepted Jesus with all my heart, because before that experience I didn't



know that He was alive. All of a sudden, I became conscious of Jesus Christ being alive, because He walked into my room, took away my gun, and began to minister to me. As far as I was concerned, that was reality. Then, I didn't know better, I thought that I should see Him with my eyes, my natural eyes, for He manifested to me with my natural eyes. So I began to talk with Him and deal with Him on a natural plane. Then reality for me became different than reality for other people. For me, reality was seeing Jesus and talking to Him. When I went to the minister about my visitation, he said, "NO! NO! NO! It is the devil that you are talking to." So I said, "Well, could the devil take away my sins? Could the devil stop me from drinking? Could the devil stop me from lying? Could the devil do this to

me in order to catch me?" The minister said, "NO! NO! NO! If the devil even tried, he could not do righteousness." On that point his theology was right. "If the devil even tried, he could not do righteousness." So, I said, "Okay. It must be God."

The reality that God is bringing us into at this time is the reality of the ministry, the **hand**. God put a five-fold ministry into the world, and the five-fold ministry is in the church. God does not want to walk **with** you. He wants to walk **in** you. The Spanish have a way of saying, "vaya con Dios"(walk with God). It is no longer walk with God. It is no longer the Adam manifestation. He wants the Christ manifestation. **God wants to walk in you.** Let's prove it. I think it is in II Corinthians where God blessed a man named Paul, and He gave him to us. The man began to see the beauty and the glory of

God in the Old Testament, as no other man that we have known. Paul was seeing by the Spirit the reality of Christ, and he experienced the awaking of the mind of man to the presence of God. That is what we are talking about, and is what we need today. II Corinthians 6:16, *And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.* So it is the **inner** walking of God in us that is designed to make us the **hand of God**. This is the **Candlestick** operation. The Candlestick is hollow in the middle, and the oil is poured down into it and comes up to a level in the seven lamps, and the wicks go down into the lamps and they are lighted. **Oil** represents the **Holy Spirit**, **gold** is the **divine nature**, and the **wick** is **humanity**. **Humanity dipped into divinity** - the oil seeps

into the wick so that the wick becomes totally saturated, and that oil is going to prevent that wick from burning. You can use a wick in a lamp for a long time because of the oil that is in the lamp. The Spirit of God must permeate your being and take a hold of you, in order for you produce God.

What God is saying in this illustration of the Candlestick is that the five-fold ministry is not always what we think it to be. We are looking at the five-fold ministry as the brothers and sisters who function in the preaching and the teaching and so on. **That is not it!** What it IS is that **EACH OF YOU** is a part of this five-fold ministry. You have some silent parts that support the rest. You are not seeing my liver, my heart or my lungs, but you are seeing the manifestations of those organs. Do you understand? So the silent members inside are even much more important than the ones that you can see function. Amen. So what God is saying is that His right hand and His holy arm are not only the Spirit of God who works **in** you, but you become a part of the hand of God because you lift together with God. There is no way that one hand could have lifted that podium like that. For the podium to be lifted like that, it takes two hands, one on both the left and right edges. God needs you and He anoints you for a specific purpose and for that purpose only.

Now, let us look at the ministry. We hear about the **apostolic ministry**. We are talking about the thumb ministry. The thumb is the apostolic ministry. Now, the church must have an apostolic ministry or else it is a church without direction. God drew another picture for us. He drew a picture of the boards of the tabernacle. The boards in the tabernacle are kept in a straight line by one bar that runs from one end to another, and all are in complete order because the Spirit of God is in the board. Why did I say that? The bar there is not just wood, it is covered with gold. Don't you see? The bar is covered with gold, and it is the gold that makes it straight or else that bar would bow. The bar is 30 cubits long (a cubit is like a foot and a half). The temple cubit would be a foot and a half and a span. So we are talking about one long bar that is 45 feet long, plus 45 spans (each span is about four inches). A span is the width of your hand. We are not sure if it was the temple cubit or the natural cubit. Of course, the temple cubit was supposed to be bigger by a handbreadth than the natural cubit. So, the natural cubit would be what we would call about 18 inches, but the temple cubit would be like 22 inches. So, think of a bar that stretches approximately 60 feet long. It would bow. But it had gold on the outside,

and that bar kept the whole tabernacle standing like this [straight]. Let me tell you, brethren, do you know how thick the boards were? They were over six inches. You can imagine a board six inches wide and ten cubits high [15 feet tall], that thick [6 inches] with gold all around it. Can you imagine how heavy that must be? That is some weight! And it was standing on mortise and tenon. So the

two legs went down, like man's legs, into the sockets, and that is what kept it standing. Therefore, from side to side it would be firm, but from the front to back, the boards would have the ability to sway forward and backward. The only thing that held it from going forward or backward was the **apostolic bar**, the middle bar covered with gold running from one end to the other.

So you can see what has happened to the church. The church lost its apostolic vision when it began to reject the apostles of God and accepted other apostles. That is why we are in the condition that we are in, because some of the ministry that is in the church is not ordained of God. Now, behind that apostolic bar, the Lord said that there are helps and governments (I Corinthians 12:28). It is very important that some of you are helps and governments in the church. You are not ordained to preach, except to preach with your life.

One day the Lord told Mavis that the women should preach with their works. "When they behold your chaste behavior" (I Peter 3:2). It brings correction to people when they can look at you and see how you live your life.

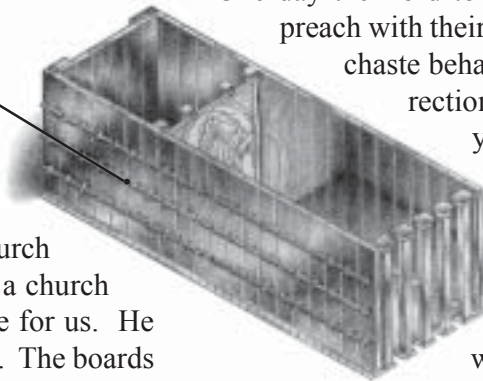
But there is a service that each of you must do and you must either come in to God's service now or be left out.

God had a time when He would allow a certain amount of slackness to be in the church. But at this time, God is saying, "NO MORE SLACKNESS, MY PEOPLE MUST BE ONE!" **The only way that the people can be one is to be under the ministry.** Do you hear me? Not minister, but **ministry**. The ministry that God has put in you, you had better look after it. He says, "Wait upon your ministry" (Romans 12:7). If God endows you with a voice, sing! If God endows you with wisdom, use it for God. Do you understand? The ministry is a spiritual endowment that God puts upon the church. Every time two or three of them gather together, God gives them their portion. That ministry is supposed to stand and minister life to the world, not just to the church, but to the **world**. That is why God said if you don't behave at home, you can't come into the church and prophesy. If you talk and you use your mouth as a weapon out there on the job site or anywhere you are, don't bother to try to come to church



Board and Socket

Apostolic Bar



and to speak the Word of the Lord. It will be contaminated. It will be mixed. God wants you to wait upon your ministry. Somebody says, "Well, what is my ministry?" That is **your** business! Go ask God. **Go ask God.** What do you do best? Jesus said to Matthew and Mark, "Come! Be a scribe unto the Kingdom of God." That means to say that the Kingdom of God needs scribes. The Kingdom of God needs people who can write, who will be able to take the Word and put it in places, and divide it up where people can be fed all over the world. The Kingdom message needs to go forth. Hallelujah!

Sister Terry found herself recently. She found herself recently and she just started writing like crazy. When she is not writing what she thinks in her mind, she is writing what she hears in the Body, and what the church is saying. What God told me to do is to take these machines (video equipment) and use them to record. Do you realize the blessing that you are to the people in America? People in Jamaica, Africa, ALL OF YOU? You are there manifesting. I didn't even say to George, "George, let's see if we can edit these tapes." Oh no! Everything that you have done is out there. Oh yes! I go out on the streets in Montego Bay, and people say, "There's the man! That's the man with the red cup!" I didn't even remember that I was drinking water out of a red cup while I was ministering. A man called up proudly, and started telling them what he heard on Channel 58 and said, "THAT'S the MAN!" I tried to get away from there quietly before they mauled me. But all of you are on there. One weekend (it was a holiday weekend), the people at the radio station wanted to have a holiday, so guess what they did? They put on Peter and left the station. He had been preaching on Saturday, the whole day, Sunday, the whole day, until Monday morning! When they came back to work, they changed the tape. They put on the first preaching where you see Peter JUMP! Praise be to God! Yes, Peter jumped! That is now what they have of him on tape. If he goes in to the Montego Bay Airport, people will point and say, "That is the man. That is the man that jumped in what we saw on Channel 58!" There was another time that they let him go for about 3 days. They put on the message down in Florida, and that message went on for three days straight, day and night. Hallelujah!

So, what we are talking about is the Candlestick operation, where you and God bring forth light. Now, you are idly saying, "Oh God! Poor me!" I've got a name for

that. It's the "**poor me spirit.**" "Poor me! Poor me!" You are saying, "Poor me!" instead of doing what God wants you to do. When some of you get into trouble and start having problems, sin problems, it means that you are not practicing righteousness. You are not doing what God wants you to do, so He leaves you in the hand of the enemy to torment you. What God is speaking to me about is the five-fold ministry, and how the five-fold ministry is dished out here and there among the people. **Each person here has his own part of the ministry.** God will appoint a man and anoint him with the prophetic ministry, and **ALL** of you have the prophetic ministry in you. You all have a little part. Have you ever considered it? The Bible

couldn't even name it. It says, "diversities of operations" (I Corinthians 12:6). "Diversities of operations."

It simply means that you have a dream, and the dream has a meaning to God's business, and God may give you one dream and give another one another type of dream. Like with our Brother George. He has one type of dream. He is always dreaming about his Father's house, which is God's house. He is always dreaming about the Post Office, which, as far as I am concerned, the word postman in the Greek definitely means messenger. God is talking about His messenger, and He is talking about carrying the message here, and He is talking about carrying the message there. If God wants to tell George that we should go down the back side of Dubuque and preach to the disadvantaged, He sends him down there in a dream as a postman with letters to deliver. Do you understand how God

works? God is working with you, but you don't even know and you take it lightly. Now, if your mind is all corrupted, if your mind is filled with what **you** want (for example, somebody wants a husband or a wife), don't bother paying much attention to your dreams. Do you hear me? You just get cleaned up, because it is through your mind is the place through that God is going to minister to you. Amen.

Adam was here walking with God. Do you know God walks through certain parts of you? God walks through your head, walks through your body, and sometimes walks through your feet. Hallelujah! Oh yeah! God gets in your feet so that you can't stay still and you'll begin to jump and leap! He used to do that to the priest. When the priest



came before the shekinah glory, and the glory of God hit him, he started to leap and dance, and he would leap, and when he leapt, the bells would ring. Hallelujah! Joy bells ringing!

So God is saying that He wants to walk in you, to talk in you, to be your God and for you to be His child (Leviticus 26:12). Don't you understand? The right hand wants to come together with the left hand to produce power. This helps me to understand a little about God's emotions. When I was a sinner, I had a problem, I think it was a devil possession. I could sit down very quietly and not say anything and you could provoke me, provoke me, and provoke me! But if I felt a movement that came right up through my head and went down the other foot, now you are dead. I mean, I just lost it completely. Oh yes! When I would lose it that way, I was in another realm where I thought I could do anything. I was conscious of what I was doing, but I couldn't stop myself from doing it.

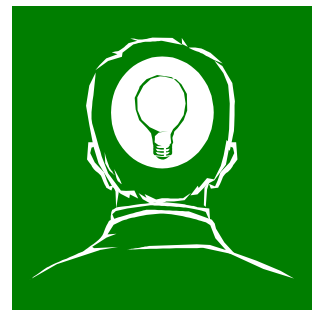
What I have noticed is that there are avenues in your soul. Listen to me now. There are avenues in your soul that control different parts of your body, like how the brain on the left side controls the motion on the right side, and vice versa. God has so created man, in a peculiar way, remember that man is the temple of the living God (I Corinthians 6:19). Do you notice that in His temple, they have put certain things at certain places? If you wanted to eat bread, to feed on Christ, you would have to go to the right hand side, where the Table of Shewbread is. If you wanted to light the lamp, you had to go to the left-hand side. If you wanted to burn incense, you couldn't just start burning incense anywhere in the temple. You had to go straight to the Altar of Incense. I hope I am not boring you with these details! I am just giving you what God shows me. **YOU ARE A TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD!** God has placed certain things in you. There are certain parts of your mind that God is opening up that were never opened before. The more you go into God, the more He opens up your mind. 75% of your brain is not being used. Hallelujah! Can you imagine? If God touches you and all of a sudden your brain starts working, what would happen to you? We couldn't stand you. You would have to get out of here. We would probably chain you and take you out and say you had gone crazy.

I was sitting at the table with this brother. He weighed 250 pounds, bare muscle. I mean, no paunch, no nothing, just a solid man. He was the biggest man that I had ever known. He had big hands that came down to below his knees. We were sitting down at the table eating, and all of a sudden he said, "GET OUT OF HERE! GET OUT, I SAID!" He jumped up and ran around the house! We were sorry for the brother. He was seeing every demon that walked across the place. What a terrible situation it would be if you could see all of those devils. What would

you do? What do you think about Jesus? Do you think that He was seeing them? Hallelujah! He stood up there and He said, "I am the Son of Man who is in Heaven" (John 3:13). He was standing right there, and He said that He was in Heaven at the same time. He was moving on all planes at the same time. He was moving on a heavenly plane in that He could be in complete contact with the Father while He was talking to you. He was talking to you, He was seeing you, He was in contact with the Father and He was seeing your condition. He was seeing your business, He was seeing what you are going to do tomorrow while He was talking to you today. His brain was different from ours. He was OPEN TO GOD. Adam had an experience with God and he found out that there was a certain point that you could go with God but you couldn't go beyond that point, and if you stepped beyond that point, you would be changed, out of the natural world. He must have been to that point.

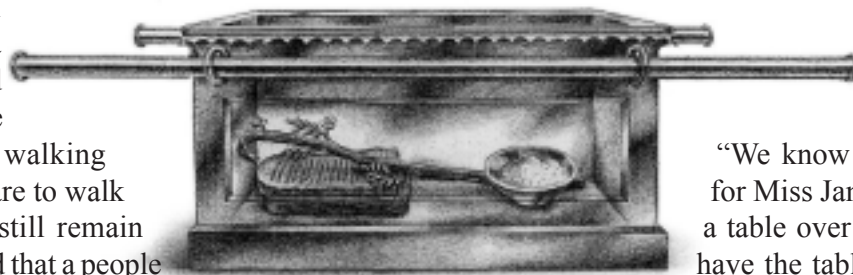
I remember that I had an experience with Jesus where I was walking with Him in a garden. He came to three little steps and He stepped up the three steps. When I was about to go up them He said, "No, no." I believe that Enoch was allowed to walk up those steps, and that he went away. When He said, "No," I said, "But..." And then He said, "NO! Turn back." When I turned back, He came right into me, and I began to speak in Hebrew. Do you know what that means? He does not just want to walk **with** us and talk **with** us, but He wants to walk **in** us and talk **in** us. Then He will be our God and we will be His people. Now, in your private time with God, **press Him**. I'm challenging you. I'm setting you up. You press God to come into you. Ask Him, "Why won't You come into me in Your fullness? Why won't You take the areas of me that are blocking You? Why don't You take it? I give You all authority to take these areas. Come into me!" You challenge God! Hallelujah! You see, one scripture says that it is the time of the singing of the birds (Song of Solomon 2:12). The scripture also says, **Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruit** (Song of Solomon 4:16b). **Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruit**. She was inviting Jesus Christ to come into her, and eat of the pleasant fruits, the fruits of the Spirit that were in her. Hallelujah!

God Almighty is speaking to a people at this time as never before. We are to be the ENOCH people. We are to be the people who go through the veil. We must go through the veil. Before the priest could go through that veil, he had to make an offering, and the offering was different than the one that he made out in the Outer Court. Out in



the Outer Court, he killed the lamb, or the bull. He took the blood and put it in a basin. He carried the blood with him. This time he was not going to kill anybody's lamb, and he was not going to kill any bull. **He was going to offer himself.** Now, he was offering himself for Israel, for the sin of Israel, and for his own sins. He couldn't sleep the night before. They would not allow him to sleep. They kept reading the scriptures to him, and every time he would nod, they would wake him, and read the scriptures, and kept reading and reading and reading all night. Because when he goes into that Holy of Holies, he has to go in PURE. So he takes the incense, and the incense is a type of the soul. Do you know that when the incense burns, it leaves no residue? It leaves no ashes, nothing. He takes the incense and he says, "LORD GOD, for my sins, and for the sins of Israel." He puts it on the fire and it takes it and it goes up and then the Bible says he had to wait until it covered the Mercy Seat, lest you die (Leviticus 16:13). He said that if you go in there and the smoke hasn't covered the Mercy Seat, you are a dead man. He waits until that smoke goes in and covers the Mercy Seat. Then he comes in and makes his offering before God.

Now, if you can understand all of that, you will understand that your soul must be offered as a sacrifice before God before you have the Enoch experience of walking through the veil. We are to walk through the veil and still remain here. God has ordained that a people will go through the veil and experience the resurrection life. We are to experience the resurrection life and still remain here on the earth. Do you understand? Now the resurrection life that I am talking about is that when men come to you and want to kill you, you will dare them. "Go ahead! Kill me!" The day will come when somebody will kill you. And three days after the person kills you, they will look you in the eye and say, "WHAT? DIDN'T I KILL YOU?" And you will say, "YES! But now I am alive for evermore." Jesus took away the keys of death and hell (Revelation 1:18). So therefore, His sons cannot go into death and hell anymore. We have ascended beyond death and hell. Hallelujah! This is the place where God is bringing us. Today God is asking a company of people to come in! But for now the ministry at this time is to be given to the church. Ephesians 4:12, **For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:** What does that mean? Do you think that it means that the ministry is going to be completed? Come to its completion, its end? That the prophets will cease? That the apostles will cease? Or that the apostle will become the Body, the prophet will



Mercy Seat

become the Body, the evangelist will become the Body? God has set some temporary caretakers to help the Body to come into Christ. I Corinthians 13:10, **But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.** For the prophet can only prophesy a part and the evangelist can only evangelize a part, and the apostles can only apostle in part, but Christ is the fullness! Hallelujah! So therefore, that Christ may dwell in you (Ephesians 3:17). There will be in you the fullness of Christ so that the Body becomes Christ. Glory to God!

When the scriptures speak of the manchild, do we know what the manchild is? You see, God uses all these little analogies and phrases. A woman is pregnant, so the church is impregnated with something, the manchild. The manchild church is a church that has Jesus Christ as its head, when Jesus is completely placed on His throne in our hearts. He becomes the Head of the church, and we don't do anything any more. No man will be there - man will be gone. So John walks down the street, and everybody says, "Hi, John. Didn't we know his father and mother? And didn't he grow up among us? Isn't he a realtor? Didn't we know him?" John laughs because they don't know him. They don't know him. Do you remember

what happened to Jesus? They said, "Is not this the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55).

"We know him. He built the chair for Miss Jane over there, and he built a table over there for so and so. We have the table, so we have proof that this man is a carpenter." **They didn't**

know Him. So when Christ takes over, man is displaced. There are people saying that we are talking about we being manifested sons and things like that - NONSENSE! I wish I were. We are not manifested sons, but we believe in it. One day, not far away - and I can tell you what day it will be. You don't like dates, do you? Well, I'm going to tell you what date. Any day that you see the world come to the brink of destruction, you say, "Jesus, I am ready," because Jesus must activate the church to save the world, for His world is in danger of being destroyed by the devil, and God will not allow the devil to destroy the world. So at least we have that knowledge. We will be activated just in the nick of time, just when midnight is getting so dark that no morning would be there, it would have destroyed the whole world. At that time God will bring forth His saints. He said that the first thing that they will do is stop the war. Hallelujah! Stop the war! Proclaim the Sabbath! No man shall kill any more. Stop it! If any man raise his hand, he will be done. Amen. God said to rule with a rod of iron (Revelation 12:5), to shepherd the people with a shepherd's staff of iron. That is what the manchild

is going to do. We can't do it now. We don't have Christ as our Head, as He should be. The fullness is not there. But let us begin to press God. Press God! Do you know why? God will never make you perfect without making me perfect. The brothers were saying they were perfect, and Paul said, "Well, very well. I wish to God it were so, for I would have profited myself." He is not going to make one person perfect and then you become another Christ, and everybody starts worshipping you. What He is going to do is to perfect all of us together. So there will be a company of people who understand what is going on, and that our duty is to save the world, to save humanity.

So therefore, the problem that we have among ourselves here is that we need to see the ministry functioning. Each person should be asking God, "What can I do?" As Brother Burt was telling us last night, his father said, "Well, sweep the floor. Sweep the floor." "God, what is my purpose?" "God, what am I supposed to be doing?" "What part of the Body am I?" He sent you out there to sweep the floor, and all of a sudden while you are sweeping the floor, you find yourself. Amen. You clean up refrigerators, and then you find yourself. God is now bringing the Body together as one. He said that you would be one, even as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost are one (John 17:21). Do you know why? Because there is one Spirit, and there is no division.

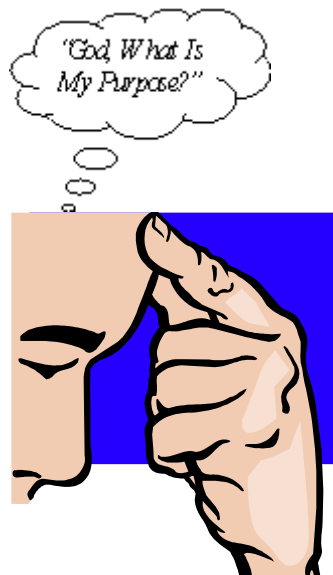
Do you know what the apostolic business is? All it is is somebody who hears from God and gives it to you. So the apostolic vision is being sent out to the brethren, and the prophetic Word comes forth. The evangelist begins to do his thing. Some people believe that if you are an evangelist, you must go out and get revelations from God. Any evangelist that is getting a revelation from God, he is not an evangelist. He is an apostle. In other words, the revelation of the Spirit of the Word, the revelation comes from God through the apostolic ministry to the brethren. You

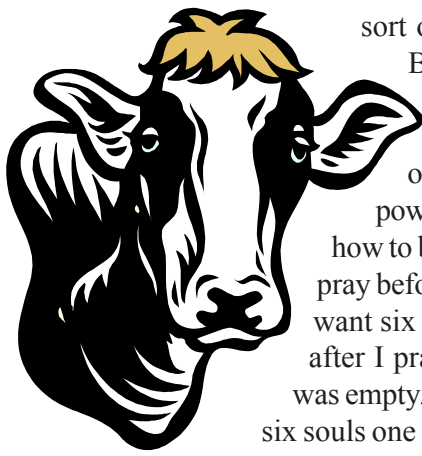
take it and you begin to function under the apostolic ministry as parts of this ministry! The next thing, the prophet gets a Word, and he comes out with it, and the Word is to quicken you, to strengthen you, to help you to follow the apostolic Word. If there is another word coming, it is not God. God says, "Know them that labor among you" (I Thessalonians 5:12). So when I give out this Word, some of the brethren are saying, "Brother duCille wants everybody to follow him." It

couldn't be further from the truth. God told me to have nothing to do with the bride. Keep away from the bride. Don't bring forth any of your thoughts or things in the bride. Keep away from the bride. That was **my** instruction. Amen. I hope I am accomplishing it. I try my best. So, I don't want anybody to follow me. What I am afraid of is that you are not following what God is telling me, and that's the problem. Because, when God calls a person, and God gives him a direct Word, it is not something that he made up. I didn't go to Bible school to learn it. I just listen to God and He carries me through the waters, through the fire. I gave up my profession, because I couldn't even think like an accountant any more. I had to give it up. I gave up everything that I knew and I began to concentrate on the Word of God. What you have is a ministry, a function that I have nothing to do with. I listen and I speak to you. I don't write down what I have to say. I was writing down some scriptures, and I haven't been able to read them. Of course they are coming to me, so I don't need to read them. I just call them out.

What I am trying to say is that you have a privilege that not many people have, to hear from someone who has a fresh flow from God. Now, if it is not God, you must tell me. If it is not God, you must tell me. The fruit of what I am saying must come forth in you or else it is a waste of time. So the point is that God appoints men and women, amen! Men and women with good faculties, who can listen and say, "Wait, this didn't feel right!" "This did not sound right!" When you say that, it is a blessing to me. When anybody comes to me and says, "What you preached tonight didn't sound right!" it is a blessing to me. The blessing is that I don't know for myself anything. If you say something, I go back to God and say, "Did You tell me this, or did this come out of my mind?" If ever I find that it came out of my mind, I will be the first one to correct it. The reason is, I must bring forth Christ in His people. I cannot fail God. I cannot say things that are in my own mind. I cannot behave as I would love to sometimes. But God wants the Word to come straight to you. Now, the Word that I am seeing before me is the church functioning in its place. There is a bad habit among us. Everybody wants to do something else besides what God wants us to do.

I never forgot the musician that came to me, the pianist in Gatlinburg. He came to me and said, "What can I do? What can I do to really please God?" I said, "Son, fast tomorrow, and come into the meeting. Pray to God that He would use you as a musician." I had never seen anything like that. The young man was so energetic and wanted to see God use him. He got in there first. From six something (the meeting was at seven o'clock) he got in there and jumped on that piano, and he began to just play, just played from his soul. Nobody passed that door. People came into the door, but they didn't go to their seats. They came and fell at the altar. The service started with an altar call. Everybody was just weeping. The man was just playing. Nobody was even singing! The same





sort of thing happened with Brother Charles Finney. You must believe in divine power. I see some of us don't believe in power. Now, God taught me how to believe in power, how to pray before coming to service, "I want six souls." I came in there after I prayed that and the place was empty. Mavis and I prayed for six souls one night and we came in to the church building and it was empty. No-

body came that night! But we started to sing and to praise God and somebody came in and went to the altar. Another one came in - six people came in to the altar and were saved that night. Divine power! DIVINE POWER! Begin to use this power, brethren. Begin to use this power. Some of you, God has anointed you to pray, and you have the greatest power in the church, and nobody notices you. You have the power to pray and ask God to move according to your prayer.

Now, I remember when I used to love to see people get knocked down on the floor. You know, we go through all these stages. I was a young man. The first day that God called me, I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and went into a Holy Quietness Church, and the whole church fell down flat on the floor and couldn't get up. After that, I kind of felt that everywhere I went, people must fall down on the floor. You know, when you touch the person and the person doesn't fall down, you have the tendency to give him a little "help," (you push a bit)! In fighting, there is a hold that you use that you touch a person on his forehead. Anybody that you touch on his head like that, he has to go back and he falls. I see them doing it in church, putting their hands on them, on their foreheads. It used to be Jujitsu in those days - BAM! On your forehead and you fell down. And I see them doing it in the church. But you know one day God came to me and said, "What do you really want? Do you want to humble the people so they fall down? Or do you want to **bless** them?" I said, "I want to **bless them**." From that day on, rarely anybody fell down in my service because I wanted to bless them. I don't especially want them to fall down. That doesn't gratify me anymore. I just want to BLESS them.

So the prophets prophesy. Now, what is prophecy? You get used to Brother Burt, and you come and you say, "Oh God, I want a Word from You tonight!" And you are looking for him to come over there and to say unto you, "The Lord would say unto you brother/sister, so and so and so and so." That is only one little-bitty part of prophecy. The prophetic ministry is preaching, and it can be anything you say. I went up to someone and I said, "Hi. How are you? I haven't seen you in a long time. You must be misbehaving."

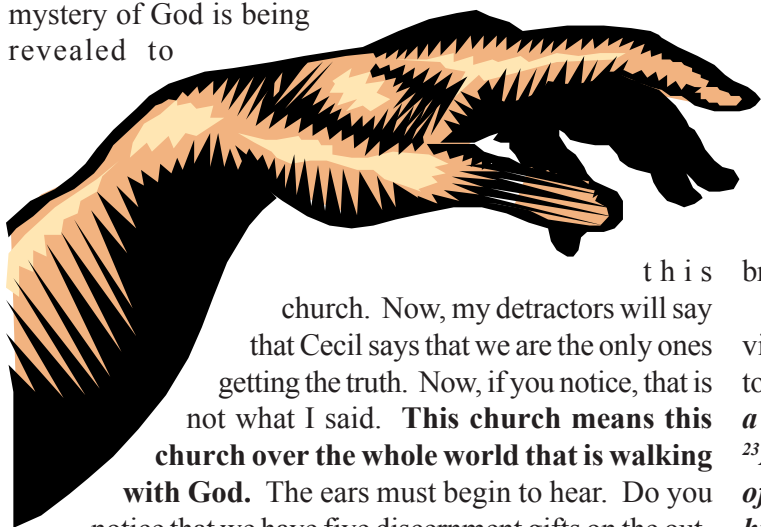
I just intended for it to be funny. It was not funny. The person was badly hurt because I made light of a situation that I didn't know about. A famous one I will tell you. We went into service, and I was preaching restitution. A sister was sitting down here in the front. I said, "If you steal a man's cow, and you say you repented, why don't you give back his cow?" She got up and left, and half of the congregation walked out with her. I had no idea what was happening. Then a dear sister came to my wife and said, "Sister duCille, Brother duCille is a fine brother, a good preacher and everything like that, but why does he have to be so explicit at times?" So she said, "What? What do you mean? What did he do?" She said, "He must have known that the sister's brother stole the cow." I had no idea of any cow business.

Do you see? I found out I could not make a joke. To this day, I dare not make a joke with you. I'll get into trouble, because I'm going to speak your business. I met a brother, and I shook his hand, and I said, "Man, you are a beast." Oh God! I am glad that he forgave me, because he was dealing with that situation. He got up in a meeting and testified, and said that, "I am just a beast!" because he had done something that his own conscience was against God. That is prophecy in the church! Prophecy from your lips! If you curse somebody, they are cursed. If you bless somebody, they are blessed. Do you hear me? THEREFORE, BLESS EVERYBODY! That is prophetic power and ministry that is in the Body. The spirits take the words that you speak from your mouth! If you speak a good word, the spirits of God take it and bless the person. If you speak a bad word, the devils take it and "SLAM!" In Fort Lauderdale, a dear sister that was a friend of ours was driving down the street, and you know that boys can sometimes be very rude and terrible. About six boys came with their bicycles and began to slowly ride in front of her. She tried to go this way (left) and they went (left), and she tried to go this way (right) and they went (right). They backed her all around and they were just laughing at her, and she got so mad. She said to one boy, "I hope that someone will come and knock you down and kill you!" She went down to the store. When she was coming back, she was just in time to see them putting him in an ambulance. A car with an impatient driver had come and the boy tried the trick with him and he stepped on the gas and knocked the boy to pieces. She never forgot it, for she felt that she did it, she commanded it. She **commanded** it. The Spirit of God talks about commanding the blessing. You have the power to command the blessing and to command the curse. That is the reason to get rid of that bad thinking, that evil thinking. Somebody hurts you and you start to think evil, just get rid of that thought immediately. Ask God to help you, tell somebody to pray with you to get rid of it, because your mind, your thinking will motivate every spirit in hell to go out there and to do what you tell it to do. You have the power of life and death

in your tongue (James 3:8-10).

The evangelistic ministry must preach the revealed truths of the Body. God said that at the end of time, all of the mysteries of the gospel would be finished. That means that God is telling somebody. The **secrets of God** are being revealed to somebody. Now, when I met Jesus, Jesus began to talk to me and to tell me some things that the church never heard before. I wondered if Paul knew some of the things when he wrote some of the books we have in the Bible? Or whether God just prophetically used him? You know, the prophet can prophesy above his head. The prophet doesn't know what he is saying. He prophesies above his head. He himself is sitting down waiting to see the thing come to pass, because he never thought of it before he prophesied it. So therefore, the church now, the Body of Christ now, is going to speak words beyond its own understanding. I am talking about in your daily life. In your daily life you are speaking things. "Never mind, child, God is going to bless you." "The LORD will bless you." "Let us pray. Oh God, bless this person." And you have let loose deliverance to that person. As long as that person lives, that blessing is going to follow them, because you pronounced it.

The right hand will not lift this book [completely], but the left hand goes along with it [and the book is lifted completely]. This is what God is doing with you. You are the left hand that will come together with the right hand of God. God and man, working together to bring forth light in the earth. Every mystery of God is being revealed to

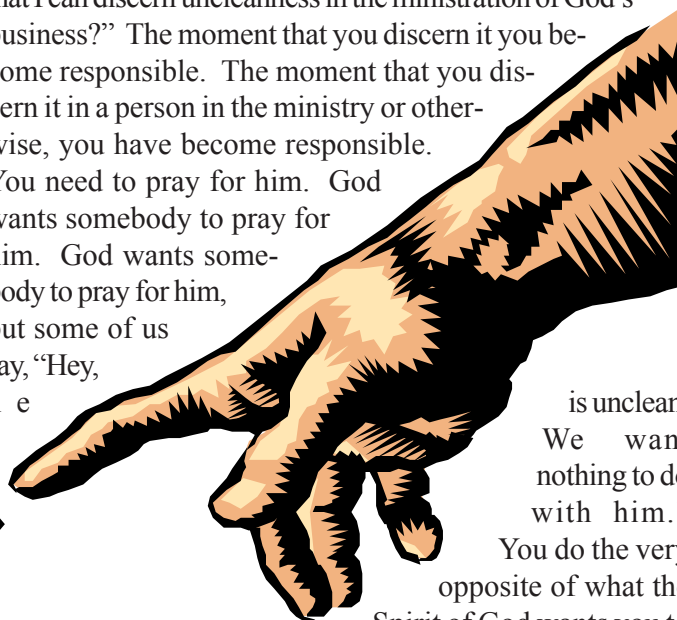


t h i s church. Now, my detractors will say that Cecil says that we are the only ones getting the truth. Now, if you notice, that is not what I said. **This church means this church over the whole world that is walking with God.** The ears must begin to hear. Do you notice that we have five discernment gifts on the outside: hearing, seeing, feeling, tasting and smelling? You are the outside part of God's discernment. You are hearing. You are seeing. You are smelling. You taste. You don't even know what you are doing. Some times you wonder what is going on. You don't know that you are smelling. But, let me give you what we mean by a smell.

A spirit can come in here on a certain spiritual frequency. I'm using words that you probably need to consider. Frequency - a spirit walks in through that door and a spirit comes in on a certain frequency, and if you are one

who hears from God, you don't hear him. If you are one who sees all the visions, you will never see him. If you are one who feels, you will never feel him. But he is coming in on the frequency of a smell, for you will never see a smell, and you will never hear a smell, and you will never taste a smell. However, there are some people here who God has put on that smelling frequency. You alone can discern that spirit and, if you are functioning, you will. If you are not functioning, that spirit will have freedom in the midst of the congregation. Amen. We were looking at a brother preaching, just preaching. I wouldn't even say there was body language, because there is a spiritual discernment that you exercise that the person doesn't necessarily have to have the body language. You are talking about psychology now. BUT you discern that that man is unclean. Now, you ask yourself, "Why did I discern that the man is unclean? Why did God set that in the Body, that I can discern uncleanness in the ministration of God's business?" The moment that you discern it you become responsible. The moment that you discern it in a person in the ministry or otherwise, you have become responsible.

You need to pray for him. God wants somebody to pray for him. God wants somebody to pray for him, but some of us say, "Hey, h e



is unclean. We want nothing to do with him." You do the very opposite of what the Spirit of God wants you to do. That is us. That is humanity. "Keep away from that brother. He is unclean."

You have it, and we can do everything. There is a vision in the church. I will give you a scripture here. Turn to Mark 8:22, **And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.** ²³**And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.** That's peculiar. I've never seen Jesus do that before. ²³**And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.** Why did He do that? Isn't it peculiar for Jesus to do that? He did not do that to anyone before, to ask him, "What have you seen?" Let's see what the man saw. 8:24, **And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.** ²⁵**After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.** Brethren, what is

this? Did Jesus make a mistake and give him magnifying eyes? You know what I mean. Did He make a mistake? If He didn't make a mistake, He deliberately did it. How do you see that? The Holy Spirit is the eye of the church. It makes the church to see, and we see visions, and we have dreams, and we see things, and so on. Now, Jesus touched this man's eyes. He put spit on them. That means to say that He took His own Blood (spit is part of the bodies) and He put it on the man's eyes, and He created vision in the man that was more than what the man could handle. That man represents the church, right? If that man represents the church, it means that the vision that God is giving us has to be limited, according to the condition of the church. That man was seeing like someone looking through a magnifying glass. His eyes were no longer 20/20, they were magnified. He saw it magnified. He saw tall men like trees, tall big things. Then Jesus touched him again, and his vision was normal.

I think it is a message that He is sending to us. God is going to give us a measure; He is going to give us the ability to see in measure. That is, at this time, He is anointing the eyes of the church to see, and as we see, if He would give us the real thing, we would be seeing too much.

So He is telling us that there is another vision beyond what we are seeing. So the eyes of the church **must** see. But hear this! If you see, and you keep it to yourself, it is no good. That is why God placed elders in the church. Elders are supposed to be people who are older spiritually that can look at a matter and if they don't understand it, they can ask God to tell us what the meaning of this or that is. But don't take your dreams lightly and throw them away. If you do that, then you are rejecting God, for God is now bringing back the eyes of the church to see, not only for myself, but to see for the church. Hallelujah! So therefore, you have the evangelists, the shepherds and the teachers. God is therefore calling people to function in their own capacity. God is calling to His anointed. ☺

So let the Son shine out...

By Terry Smith

The last few days it has been very cloudy and very little sunshine has been able to peek out through the clouds as I have been driving to work. Each of these days, I couldn't help but think of the clouds - the veil of our flesh that clouds the GLORY OF THE LORD from shining through us.

I could not help but think of the way the light on one side of the clouds is very bright and glorious and radiant - while dull darkness was over the earth that was in my view. The darkness was gloomy and lifeless, and I knew that on the other side of the clouds there was radiant glory in the sunshine.

Am I bringing a picture to your mind?

I then thought how I am the clouds covering the GLORY OF THE LORD that is within me. Inside of me is this radiant beauty that wants to shine and bless the dark world around me by flowing through me, whether I am aware of it or not.

Soon there came a few little cracks through the clouds that let radiant streams of bright light through the clouds, and I began to think about what the sunshine does in the natural, while also being very aware of the spiritual implications. The sunshine brings with it so many things. The earth becomes alive and warms in the sunshine. The plants grow in the sunshine. Day comes forth in our lives when the sun shines.

How wonderfully the Lord illustrates how HE desires to flow through us. He desires to bring LIGHT and LIFE to those needy souls around us. He desires to bring day to the darkness in those who are hurting and in need of His LOVE.

Also, when the light comes forth, the darkness flees - this is perhaps the most beautiful trait of the Lord in our souls; the law that LIFE and LIBERTY IN CHRIST cancels out the law of DEATH in our souls as we surrender, repent, submit, and obey our wonderful Lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

Just a thought! ☺



Filled with Gratitude

*A letter of
thanks*



*by Mederana
Gomez*

Forever Grateful

Being grateful to others is never a thought that ever leaves you, (if one's conscience is alive and well). Thank God.

It has been six months since Alfredo and I have been united in the Lord and with the help of all you brethren.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, I continue to bless every last one of you, small and great alike.

Thank God once more for all of you and thank you all so much for everything.

Testimony:

Daddy God never fails.

Years ago, when I consciously started to call God Almighty my daddy, I didn't realize how much God appreciated it, that He proved His role of being my truest Daddy so many times, for He has shown me His great mercy by forgiving me, loving me, and blessing me, in spite of me, which so often got in the way.

And now, by also doing my wedding

to the fullest. He left nothing undone, at the hearts and hands of His people. Daddy continues to mend my brokenness through Jesus Christ my Lord.

So, I, Mederana Wendy Wilson Gomez, with all of my heart want to say, "Bless the Lord, oh my soul and all that is within me, bless His holy name. I love You, Daddy. Thank You for everything good and bad, the people that so faithfully prayed for me, the wisdom to overcome, and Your love that never fails. You, Daddy God, never fail. I love You with all my heart. Thanks for all things, for I am truly blessed!"

Thank You to All From The Gomez Family

Romans 2:28, "For we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him."

I love You, Daddy (God), with all of my heart, mind, body, soul and strength.

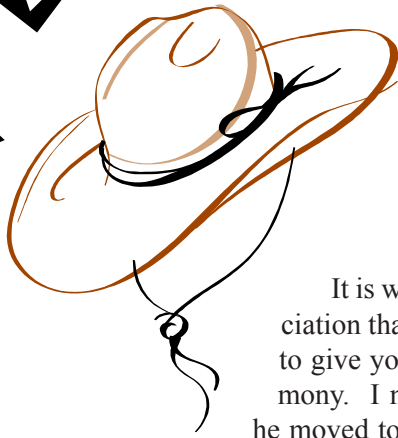
As gratitude is of God, God knows that we are truly grateful for all of you that are near and

far, for you have all so willingly, generously and continuously allowed God to use you to bless our lives.

In one way or another, ever since we have come to this fellowship of God's chosen people, we have been so completely blessed and we continue to give God thanks in prayer for all of you.

Thank you all so much, once more for everything, for welcoming us, for the lovely dinners, the hospitality extended to our family.

For the bridal shower and, last but not least, our wedding, we thank God so much for all that you have extended yourselves to do for us. May God's richest blessings of peace and love continue to fill your hearts to overflowing and may He never cease to pour out to you in the areas of your individual need as it pleases Him. ♡



SAVED BY GRACE

**BLAINE SNYDER'S
TESTIMONY INTERVIEWED BY
WESLEY SCHELL**

It is with much joy and appreciation that I have the opportunity to give you Blaine Snyder's testimony. I never knew Blaine until he moved to Mahomet to help us at the farm, and God had even a better blessing in store for me. Blaine moved in with us and has been a wonderful brother to get to know. With that introduction I will present to you what I call "The Blaine Snyder Story."

Blaine was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Through childhood he attended a Catholic church. When he became a teenager he was given the position of a mass server. Over the weeks and months of performing his duties, he began to observe an older lady who came for communion every day. Blaine could see in her eyes that she really wanted and anticipated something from the communion service. She came day in and day out searching to satisfy her longing and need, but she never received it. She kept coming, though. This puzzled Blaine. All that he knew was this church system but it wasn't satisfying the people. Shortly after this, when Blaine was fourteen, he broke away from the Catholic church.

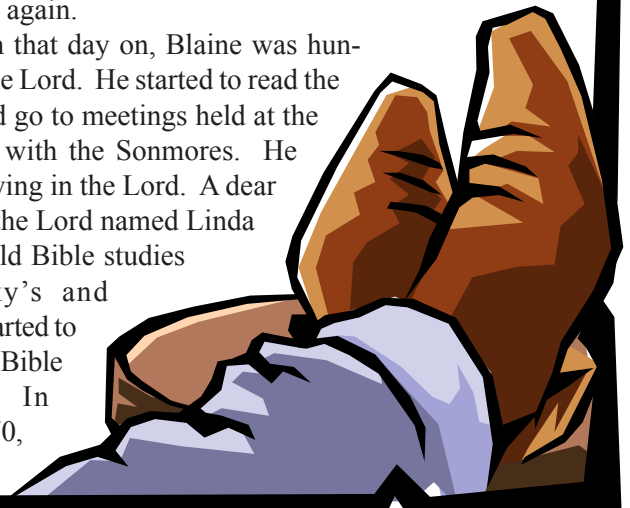
When Blaine was sixteen, his mom, Deloris, told him that he needed to go apply for a job at Becky's Cafeteria. He applied in June and was turned down, so he found summer employment at another location. When the school year started up again, his summer job had ended and he needed another job to keep him busy after school. His mom again told him that he needed to apply at the cafeteria. Blaine applied the second time and on September 22nd, 1969, Blaine was hired to work at Becky's Cafeteria. The cafeteria was owned by Brother Clayt and Sister Jean Sonmore, or, as he refers to them today, Dad and Mom Sonmore. During his first day at work, Mom Sonmore sat down for lunch with Blaine. She began to talk to him about salvation and the Kingdom of God, but at the time, Blaine said that he didn't have a need for it because he was a Catholic. Even though he had not attended mass in two years, he still considered himself a Catholic. You see, that day wasn't just Blaine's first day at work, but also Mom Sonmore's first day at working on bringing this young man into the Kingdom. And this, my friends, is how it all began for Blaine.

Blaine enjoyed his job greatly. Through work, Blaine met his life-long best friend, Gary Sonmore, and as time progressed, they became brothers. Things were going good for Blaine. He had met a Christian family that gave him a

job and also were concerned about his soul. Every once in a while, they would interject thoughts of salvation and the need to know Jesus to Blaine. He told me that he had always believed that there was a God and that Jesus was His Son, but salvation through the Blood of Jesus Christ was a new thought. God was chasing this man and He almost had him in His grips.

After New Year's of 1970, the Sonmores had meetings at the cafeteria during the first couple of weekends in January. They invited the cafeteria employees and Blaine decided to go. On the night of the 11th, a mystery brother in the Lord was present at these meetings. I say mystery because not one person knew who this man was or ever saw him after that day. Blaine said, "For all that I know, he could have been an angel." Later that evening, Blaine and this man started to talk together and out of the conversation, Blaine asked the man about his Bible. The man realized that Blaine needed the Lord and specifically asked if He knew Jesus. Blaine said, "No." So on the night of January 11th, 1970, Blaine received Christ as his Savior at the age of sixteen. After he was done repenting and praying, the man told Blaine that he was going to have warfare over the decision that he had made. Blaine surprisingly replied, "Yes, I know, because while I was praying, the Holy Spirit told me the same thing!" That night, Blaine was a new creation, old things were past away and he was born again.

From that day on, Blaine was hungry for the Lord. He started to read the Bible and go to meetings held at the cafeteria with the Sonmores. He was growing in the Lord. A dear sister in the Lord named Linda Sutter held Bible studies at Becky's and Blaine started to study the Bible there. In April 1970,





an evangelist by the name of Bruce Mitchell came to a meeting that Believer's Fellowship was having and was given liberty to minister that day. Afterward, a group of them went to have coffee together at a family's house. Here, Brother Bruce started to talk about the Holy Ghost and began to ask each person around the table if they were baptized in the Holy Ghost or not. Secretly in Blaine's mind, he was asking God not to baptize him because he was fearful of the presence of God inside him. He tried to talk God out of it, but it didn't work. And now the question came to Blaine. "Are you baptized in the Holy Ghost?" Blaine said, "No." Then the brother asked if he wanted to be baptized in the Holy Ghost. Blaine's mind started telling him, "NO, NO, NO, NO," but his response was "Yes." Then he knelt down and Brother Bruce laid hands on him and prayed. When he was done, he told Blaine to talk and he was speaking in tongues.

The next day at work, Dad Sonmore heard about his joyous experience. He told Blaine a very important thing that day: to not camp out around the Holy Ghost experience and also that beyond the door that God just opened there is much more of God to attain. The Holy Ghost was not the pinnacle of the believer's life. From that point on, Blaine grew in the Word of God and began to understand the things of the Spirit. He would read many books and articles written by different brethren like Bill Britton, George Warnock, and Clayt Sonmore's *Beyond Pentecost*. Blaine was catching on to what they were all saying. He heard about the bride of Christ, the Feast of Tabernacles and the sons of God. Then, in the fall of 1970, Blaine decided to be water baptized. The location was at Lake Seeder, which was a cold, spring-fed lake. Through the 70's, the bulk of the word that Blaine had heard was, "Come out of Babylon."

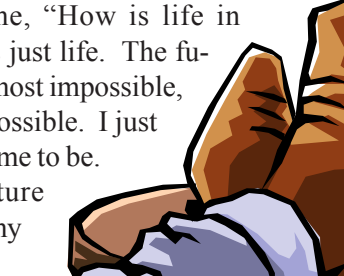
In the early 1980's, a new dimension of God came to his life. He met the duCilles for the first time. They brought a deeper word than he had ever heard before. It was beyond coming out of the organized church and knowing that the Promised Land was flowing with milk and honey. The duCilles illuminated his life by telling him a way into the Promised Land and how to even possess it. They exposed him to the teaching of the complete surrender of one's soul to God. Blaine received his first copy of the book *The Pattern* by Cecil duCille, which brought a much deeper understanding to him. This was a very exciting time in Blaine's life because for ten years he had been hearing about the Promised Land and about the sons of God, but now he was being taught how to become a son of God.

During the 1980's, Blaine attended a water baptism service for another brother in the Lord. The service went on as usual, but when they were done the baptizer asked if any one felt the need to be baptized. God was telling him to do

it and he rededicated his life to the Lord that day. Joking with me, he said, "I thought that an indoor baptism would be warmer than the first time out at Lake Seeder, but I was wrong! There wasn't any heat in the building that day." Blaine had gone from a non-committed Catholic who believed in God to a born again Christian, filled with the Holy Ghost, who was hearing an end-time death to self message. He went from the south pole to the north pole, so to say.

When I asked what happened from the 1980s to 2000, Blaine replied, "It was a time of great sifting." I asked him to explain and he gave me a question, "How much do you really want God? It wasn't about just getting to Heaven but what price you are willing to pay for it!" Those two thoughts are very serious ones to think about. This time of sifting carried through into the new millennium when Blaine really began to reexamine his faith and saw a glaring deficiency. He began to see a major stumbling block in His life. Hebrews 11:6, But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Through Blaine's examination of his faith he found this area of unbelief: "Does God reward people who seek Him?" Blaine didn't know why it was there but he prayed that he would have a pure revelation of God's Character so he could break through the area of unbelief. Blaine knew that unbelief didn't please God and he wanted to please God.

All this led me up to one final question, "What brought you here to Mahomet?" Blaine chuckled. He told me that Brother duCille had told him that he needed a change of scenery. But with all seriousness, Blaine stated that he is here for God to finish the work in his soul. Blaine believes that we live in the last days and he is taking advantage of the opportunity that he has to receive in fullness what he has only received in part. He wants to finish the foundational work in his soul and take the next step with the Lord. Or in his words, "To put my money where my mouth is." Blaine is doing what we all need to do. He is getting serious about the condition of his soul and the shortness of time before the return of Christ. He has moved here to Mahomet to "get down and get dirty," not only in the dirt at the farm, but mostly to rectify all areas of his soul. Serious times call for serious measures.

Blaine has been tremendously privileged in getting to know the people here in Mahomet. He told me that people ask him all the time, "How is life in Mahomet?" His reply, "It is just life. The future for humanity appears almost impossible, but with God all things are possible. I just need to be where God wants me to be. I don't know what my future holds, but I know who holds my future." 

A Pathetic State Of Affairs

(Otherwise known as Socialism In Us)
Prague, Czech Republic March 2006
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Every time you come to the meeting, there are plenty of those who talk. I don't mean just naturally in how we are trying to keep our children calm, but I am talking about the spiritual realm. We come to the meeting and all of the different voices are coming, different thoughts that want to take hold of our attention. Sometimes they are just common things like, "I haven't written that letter! I'll write it in the afternoon." or "What will we be doing after the meeting? Do we have

our lunch here?" These are absolutely real things that come to take hold of our attention. Do you find this to be true? There are

really a lot of things like that going on. All of these different thoughts are coming to you and suddenly you find that you are not paying attention. There are all of these thoughts coming that lead us somewhere other than the thought that may be coming forth in the meeting. We must be aware that with every tick of time the battle for our mind is going on. The battle for our soul is going on. Sometimes you have a feeling that somebody is attacking and bombarding you in your mind. When you rise to wrestle against it, it will suddenly disappear, and because it disappears, you have the tendency to think that it is not really another form of a battle.

As I was driving to the meeting today with Kristyna, my wife, it came to us very strongly that we were going to fight against the spirit of apathy, against the spirit of apathy and lethargy. We did not know exactly what to do with it, so we were praying the whole way. I began to meditate on this

thought as we were driving and even here at the meeting I have been thinking about it and about what would cause lethargy. What causes the spirit of apathy? What would make a person lay down his spiritual weapons in paying attention to the Lord and just let those things of God flow around him? He lets those things that are spiritual and that which the Lord requires of us in our paying attention to Him just to flow around him. A person seemingly relaxes. I do not have anything against resting and relaxing. But you know for yourselves the type of rest that really pays off is the rest that you get when you have been resting in the Lord. There is an energy that comes from the Lord in this type of rest. But the other type of "rest" is when you realize that the day has passed by, and the meeting has come and gone, 14 days have passed by and you have not even worked hard, but you feel more tired and sleepy than when you started relaxing.

Sometimes you go for lunch and you are not careful in considering that you have to go back to work. So you get yourself a piece of duck, some gravy, a nice pile of sauerkraut and six dumplings. Then you go back to the office, sit down in front of the computer and you should do something, but the flesh is overwhelming. You know, this kind of food is for the people who work hard outside. We see how our daddies, granddads or some other people around us would spread some fat on their bread, get some duck and some dumplings, but then they got an ax, or an electric saw and went out and worked in the woods.



They worked out all of that duck, gravy and dumplings out there in the woods. That is why they could have just as easily eaten ten dumplings. And why in the evening

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they could come to the table and get them again. If a man does not do physical, laborious activity and eats like this, his body then will not function properly.

You know that this is not a lesson about healthy nutrition. What do you think I am talking about? What I am saying is that you all know that some-

times when you come to service you get to eat well at God's dining table. God feeds us very well. But if you do not transform that Word into an action, if we do not have some certain, personal battle, if we do not stand in a battle line, if we do not fight and seek the will of God, if we do not repent, then all the energy that has been given to us, all of the Word, all of the deliverance suddenly becomes harmful to us. Instead of the Word building energy in you, it takes it. It takes the energy. We let it deceive ourselves. People that suffer from apathy are the people that are full, satisfied with something. Seemingly nothing bothers them right now. It would seem that nothing bothers them. It is like a person that is on sedatives, but it is more serious because a person can easily die. Amen? A person can easily become unhealthy and useless because what happens to a person who comes to an office, sits and watches the screen? What does he produce? Nothing. Click here, click there. He would like to read something and suddenly notices that he is half-asleep. He says to himself, "I have to get myself a cup of coffee." He wakes up and goes to get himself a cup of coffee. He is trying to get himself started with the coffee, but unfortunately it somehow does not work. However, if you come at him and try to give him some work where he has to move, he suddenly awakens.

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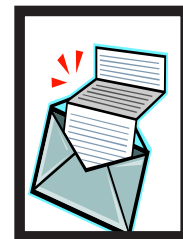
quite all right last night, cannot get gravy with six dumplings for a lunch on the following day. Am I here alone in my thinking, or are you still here? I would still say it even if I was here just by myself, because even for me it is a kind of rising up. I have to change my lifestyle. I cannot afford to watch

Do you see how this spirit of apathy works? Do you witness the evidence of it in your lives? We need to rise up against this spirit of apathy. We need to rise up against the spirit of lethargy and understand what it is that the Lord is speaking to us about. What is the Lord speaking in this hour? What does He have for us today? Where does He want to send us? What does He want to do? What does He want to do through us? Because we do not belong to ourselves. We easily make the decision to not belong to Him. That is up to us. But we cannot make that decision if we are to be the Body of Christ.

I am asking the Body of Christ some questions concerning the body. What does He, God, make it for? Is not the Head supposed to be attached to the body, and if this is so, does the body know when and where the Lord goes? Where He moves, we, the body, should move as well. That is why we should know the direction of the movement that is in the Head. If the Lord goes somewhere, we should go with Him. OK. Then just what is the Lord telling us in all this? I believe that He is telling us that we need to repent. We need to repent from lethargy. We need to say to ourselves, "Lord, we were wrong." The second thing we need to do is to change our lifestyle. A person, especially when it is nice and sunny outside, and he did not sleep

TV late into the night on Saturday, then wake up in the morning, eat much and go to the meeting. I can guarantee you the outcome of that kind of behavior. I can guarantee you that. Somebody will bump your car, there will be something that shakes you so that you will wake up. God cannot afford to leave you in that state of lethargy, otherwise you would come to the meeting feeling satisfied, maybe slightly tired but nevertheless, you would remain in a state of dormancy, kind of looking forward to spring, and all the time God's business is going on somewhere else. God is working and He wants us to work as well. God wants to work through us.

I was reading in one of the Omega Messages, and Sister Mavis was talking about the profitable and unprofitable servant. It quickened my interest, so I began to meditate upon it. I like one verse that describes it. It is found in Philemon. You know Philemon for sure, because it is a letter that is really simple. Children, it is a short letter and you could read it and talk about it in one evening. It is the only letter of the apostle Paul that has just one theme, so you will soon know what it is about. It is a story about a slave whose name is Onesimus. Paul is in the prison and



there is this brother by the name of Onesimus who has been of much help to Paul. Now this Brother Onesimus was originally a slave, a certain servant of Philemon, and he had somehow escaped from Philemon. Apparently, from the writings, it would seem that he had escaped with some property

that must have belonged to Philemon. Through the course of events, Onesimus met with God's Word by way of Paul, repented, very likely in the prison that Paul was in. The outcome of it all was that Onesimus began to be of great service to Paul. Paul, who was still in the prison, was now feeling justified that he might keep Onesimus, because Philemon owes him much. He wanted Philemon to give him Onesimus from greatest love, that he might serve and help him. Paul knows, though, that it is not good because Philemon does not know where Onesimus is. At first, Onesimus has to clear it up with him and bring things to order. That is why Paul is saying, "Dear Onesimus, I write a letter so that Philemon might know that when you go back to him, there is no mischief underfoot, but that you have been here with me being very helpful and profitable. So here is the letter, dear Onesimus, bring it personally to Brother Philemon." Paul actually was sending two letters. The first letter is Onesimus himself and the second is the actual letter that was written, for in that letter he says, "Philemon, I send you your slave."

The verses that interested me are verses 10-12, *I beseech thee (Philemon) for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:* (it might have even happened that Onesimus was also imprisoned there

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for some thievery or something like that) ¹¹*Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:* ¹²*Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, my own bowels.* In these verses here it speaks about a change in this brother, Onesimus. It speaks about the changing of Onesimus from somebody who was before unprofitable, but now is very profitable to Paul and to Philemon. Very beneficial. Profitable and beneficial. Profitable - I have some profit from him. Beneficial - I have some benefit. I believe that this is what the Lord is speaking to us in this hour, that we might be profitable servants. You cannot be profitable in the midst of apathy and lethargy.

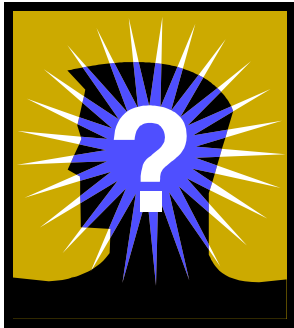
I have to stop here for a moment to share a thought that comes to me. What God requires of us is change. The churches make one great mistake. They take a man, just as he is, and they stick a kind of profitability stamp on him. Profitability that is called charity, profitability that is called deeds, profitability that is called whatever. The man is not changed, he still has his sin nature, but he does so called good deeds and the church twists it and uses it to say that a man can make it to Heaven through his good deeds. He does not make it anywhere. He makes for himself a highway into hell - as it is said, the way to hell is paved with good intentions and all the deeds on

top of it. It should be vice versa though we first have to be delivered. If you really want to be profitable, really profitable, you need to be free, that you may not have sin because sin keeps you from becoming profitable very easily. You can sit here and make an innocent face. You can

look Christian, you can be or do whatever. Only you know what your desires are, what your thoughts are. But the fact of the matter is that there is a need for us to overcome. Overcome the things that hold us to this earth nature and do not let us be profitable. Hallelujah!

I had three things on my heart I wanted to tell you. The first was about being profitable and unprofitable, about the servant Onesimus. The second goes with it. When we look into Revelation chapters 2 and 3, it says seven times, if I am not mistaken, "He that overcometh..." "To him that overcometh..." With each overcometh there is a promise. To him that overcometh will I give to sit on my right hand, to sit with Me on the throne, I will give him a new name, I will give him a white stone. But I want to warn you about the opposite of what these verses speak about. He that does not overcome does not get anything. Isn't that so? There is a widespread doctrine. In English it is called "ultimate reconciliation." I will explain it to you. Ultimate reconciliation is actually a teaching that begins with a thought that God is good. Every false doctrine begins with this thought. The first sentence is always right. For example, Jehovah's Witnesses believe God is Jehovah. That is right, but then it goes astray. Every teaching begins with a thought that is right and good.

It is the same with the doctrine of ultimate reconciliation. This teaching begins with a sentence that God is good. God is good and mighty, therefore He cannot allow us not to make Heaven at the end. Then He would not be good and loving. Now, this is a very wrong thought because God is not only good and mighty, His other qualities are such that He gives us so much freedom that we can cast ourselves into hell. The teaching actually says, "Do not worry, no matter what condition of sin that you are in, at the end of the day you will get saved anyway." Unfortunately, there is also the extreme form of this teaching, which, by the



way, is very widespread, that God at the end will even save the devil, Satan!

We think that we do not believe this teaching. I have a question, "Does anybody believe this teaching?" You say no? No, not even a little bit? Well, maybe I will persuade you that the opposite is true. I had been thinking about it a lot in Africa. In Africa, it seems this teaching has made a big mess of things. I understand that the teaching of ultimate reconciliation has expanded through Africa. It is a belief, a mentality that is demonstrated by a lifestyle that I see all around me. That is why I am so strict and diligent with my kids. I am trying to be very diligent in my training of them, that I may not inadvertently pass on to them this teaching.

What do I have on my mind? I tell them, for instance, "When you clean up your bedroom, you will get a pudding in the evening." Even though the kids do not clean up their bedroom, there

is still pudding in the evening. What do I teach them? Is it not ultimate reconciliation? Daddy "loves" us so much that even though we do not do what he told us to do, we will still get what he promised us. Is it so with you also? Is this not the basis for this doctrine?

I would say to you, parents, if you want to do good to your children, do not break your given agreements, your promises. I know that sometimes you have to deal with the sniveling and crying and it is not really pleasant, but children will learn something very important through the experience. They will know that when you say something, it is so and that there are consequences from it, depending on whether or not they do what they are supposed to do. It also works the other way around. Parents, please, don't ever be lazy. You promise your kids something. For example, "When you clean up your bedroom, we will go to the cinema." Your children obey and do clean up, but then you aren't in the mood for going to the cinema. "We'll go next time." Be careful about it. Promise just the things you can fulfill. Don't promise a whole bunch of stuff you'll change and never fulfill. It works both ways.

So, why do I tell you this and why is it so important? Because the Lord is saying, "To him that overcometh, will I give..." We say, "Hallelujah, amen!" But we believe that we will get the promise even though we do not overcome! It is because we are infected by this teaching. We are contaminated.



Somewhere deep in our hearts we're sure we will get it anyway. We think that God won't let that happen to us, He wouldn't rob us of our inheritance. God wouldn't let me stay somewhere outside. God wouldn't let me not get a new name. I mean, there will be brethren there on the inside that I have been going to church with and should I not also

be inside? It is because we are infected with the idea that we will get the pudding anyway.

I wanted to avoid politics. I wanted to avoid certain things, but I have found out that I am a fan of the right wing. I see many connections between God's thinking and right wing thinking. I believe it for many reasons. I don't talk about any certain politician, I don't say ODS (the right wing party in Czech who have the best opinions) is from God. I don't believe that or that some other right wing party is from God. For instance, KDU-CSL. God forbid! I don't think so at all. But I want to tell you what some of the basic thoughts are that really bother me about the thinking of the left wing, about politics that are socialistic, even though they call themselves social. There is a great difference between being socialistic and being social. Social is OK, we need to take care of those who really need it. That's our duty. God always wants the stronger ones to help the weaker ones. That is OK. But socialism under a socialistic mentality means there is no straight connection between what I do and what its consequence is, or even that the deed is punished. "Every deed will be, after the law, punished." When you are trying to get wealthy, you'll pay such taxes that it won't pay off. And it isn't about taxes. It is about the politics that instills in the people a mindset that says that it is not a matter of whether I worked or not, because I would be getting almost the same as everybody else. There will be somebody who will take care of me, somebody will make it. The state will give me free school, free medical treatment, everything will be free. Everything is running around me. The amount of responsibility that I have for my life is quite small. If socialists were allowed to once more become the dominant force in our society, we would come to a state of being as it once was already. All of us would have the obligatory work. It wouldn't be my respon-

sibility to get work. They would give me some job to do. But God forbid, in this type of environment, if I found some better job and wanted to prosper, you can be sure that they would take good care to trim my wings a little. Amen?

Maybe you are telling yourselves that this form of dominion or reign is 17 years behind us and it really is no longer something that we have to concern ourselves about. It has already been 17 unbelievable years. Do you really think that this socialistic mentality is really gone? I would suggest that you look into your very own hearts; it isn't gone at all. We're waiting till somebody takes care of things around us. Even in the church. We should rise up against the thought that "it will take care of itself by itself."

That is why we believe so strongly against the clergy and laity system. We don't believe in the clergy and laity concept.

Why do we not believe it? Because it is socialism in the church. Laity are the common people, while clergy is a party. A party that says, "Do not try to solve something for yourselves, we will do it for you, we'll lay down the rules for you and you just walk in them. We don't need to hear anything from you. We don't want you to be a part of anything. We will come, turn the heater on in the church - we will do everything for you. We will set everything in its proper order, sing it, write it, tell it. You will only give us your tithes. So don't worry about anything."

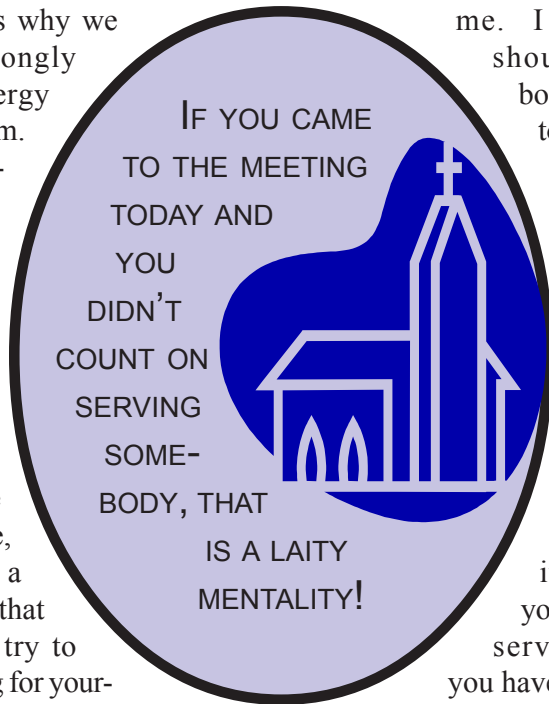
Is that right? You say, "This isn't a system we have in our fellowship!"

Yes, and thanks be to God for it. But watch out, this is not about being called clergy and laity but how each and every one of us thinks. It can work both ways. If you think you are spiritual, watch out that you may not be thinking you are so spiritual that you have to do everything for everybody else and we develop the philosophy that says, "Give me your money, I'll do the Christianity for you. I'll live it for you." For those of you who feel less spiritual, watch out that you do not develop the attitude that says, "Today I go to the meeting but I go there as laity. I go there as one who will get served. They will tell me what I should do. They will tell me what I should repent of. They will even tell me what to pray and I will only have to repeat it. They will do the work for me. I don't expect I should serve anybody." If you came to the meeting today and you didn't count on serving somebody, that is a laity mentality! You say to yourselves, "Wait a minute, I'm not a preacher!" That is also a laity mentality. If you did not count on serving somebody, you have a problem. It is a socialistic spirit that infects you with a socialistic mentality and you need to be delivered from it. However, if you came to the meeting and said, "God, You know me. You know my strong and my weak parts, You know what I can do and from my point of view there isn't much of it. I'm prepared to serve You. I'm prepared to do a good turn for You. Use me. Let me meet somebody. Let me open the door to somebody. Let me meet somebody and encourage him with the

Word. Let me rise and smile, let me, for instance, bring a song. Let me come and do something." By this you rebel against the theology of laity and clergy, and become an activist against the spirit of lethargy and you start being an overcomer.

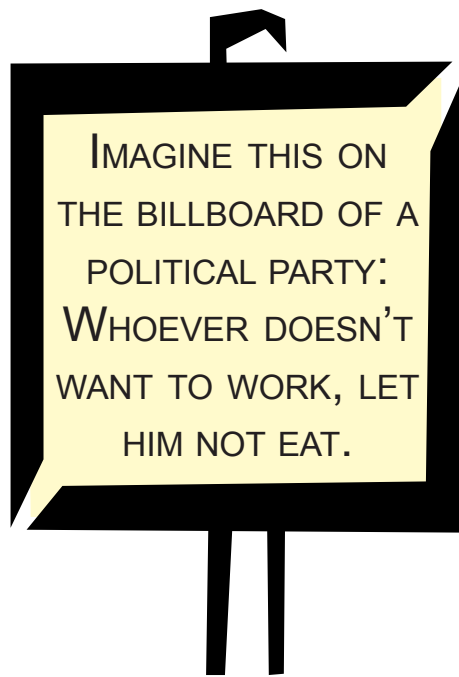
Do you know what we forgot to add to the calendar of the fellowship's activities? I have it in mine as one of the most important things. On the 2nd and 3rd of June they are holding the elections for parliament. Why do I tell it? Because we should be involved in these things. It is not that I think my vote would adjudge, but because we should be involved in the Spirit with the things that are happening around us on the natural plane and deal with them. Deal with them first on the natural level, that we might be an influence, both in the natural, as well as the spiritual. That we might not wait till "it will happen by itself" because this is an attitude that is anti-Christian and anti-Christ. I believe that in this time to not go to elections is unchristian even if I knew we would fail 100%. If God sent me and I preached in Ukraine during the time of our elections, I'd have a clean conscience not to vote in the elections. Do you understand me? We are not Sadducees. But if I go to my grandma's house for the weekend of the elections just to avoid the fact of voting, I think I have a problem. The problem is not that I should be for this or that party. The problem is that I don't care. I am laity. I'm not a politician. I am not involved in it.

I am sure of one thing: that because of the Lord, I have an influence in it! I want to have an influence. You know, I believe one thing and I hope you'll understand. I believe we have to repent for not keeping up with the law regarding homosexuality and the legalization of it from a parliament position. If we had failed because of 10 votes, maybe I wouldn't have noticed and it would have been no big thing. But that wasn't the case of what was



going on around it! I believe that at one time before the vote, there was, I think, 177 votes for the law. I'm not really sure about the number and I don't want to fool you, but it was a nice amount for the passing of the law. This was maybe even the week before voting. Then Mr. Paroubek (Prime Minister of the Czech republic) declared that he obliged all of the people of his political party to obligatorily vote for the law. I said to myself, "God, is that Mr. Paroubek really going to do such a fraud?" And really, Mr. Paroubek did do such a fraud. So I said to myself, "I'm really curious how we're able to convert (overturn) it. I believe God has laid it on our hearts to convert (overturn) it. I wasn't sure about our strength to convert (overturn) it. I must confess for myself, I didn't push hard against it. Not that I didn't fast, not that I didn't say a prayer, but if I compare it, for example, with the journey to Nigeria, I didn't take advantage of the situation to fully press the battle to the gate. We did not let brethren in America know about the vote until the last minute. So the voting came. Unbelievable. The first voting, I think, 97 votes for. That's four votes less than what was needed and the law failed! I said to myself, "Well, praise the Lord." But it was as if God was saying He wouldn't give it to us for free. "I won't give it to you for so cheap." We have learned that you can just tickle God a little, be just a little spiritual and things will happen. So there was another vote and BOOM, the results were 102. It was as if God was saying, "So that you may see, there will be another vote that it may come out just right at 101 votes." One vote over would be enough for the law to pass.. Only one vote less and the law wouldn't make it through. It was as if God was telling me, "I proved you by the 97 votes that it was easy for it to happen." It could have easily happened. It was very trivial, very simple.

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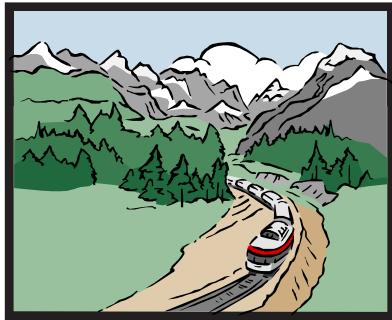
ence politics somewhere from behind the table. No, we don't, but I believe God does. I believe God wants us to stand, too. God has His people in the earth. If we think God is "there" and we are "here," we are again talking about laity. If we believe, though, that we are God's Body in this earth and that when God does something - my own arms are moving - we think right. People are afraid to be a part of God. People are afraid of rhetorics (the art of speaking with propriety, elegance and force). You say somewhere, "We are God," and they throw you out of the church before you have a chance to explain yourself. The world would more than likely send you somewhere like a madhouse. Nobody wants to say that one of us is God. Not at all. We have to know, though, if God wants to do something... Maybe my feet will be walked out. Maybe my hands will be worn out. Maybe my mouth will be dried out. God speaks and I have a dry mouth because He is using us to perform His will. Do you understand?

I believe God was prepared to show us and demonstrate to us our position of dominion and that the law could have easily been defeated. Very easily. If it was 110 votes, I'd say, "Well, this age is like that." But God is saying that the age isn't like that,

but the church is. Amen? Why do I talk about it? Firstly, that we may repent. I have asked God that He might bring us back to the place that we might have another opportunity to play it out. I believe He will. Maybe He will give us another half-year, maybe a year, but I believe that He'll bring us back to the place where we will have another opportunity to do things better. It is like doing your lessons in school. You fail the exam but it doesn't stop with that. God is telling us to rebel, to rebel against the socialist spirit of our nature that is compatible with the things that are in the world. He is telling us to rebel against somebody always doing it for us, that somebody will "live" it for us. Rebel against the mindset that says that I can become a saint by sitting in the meeting, that if I am just sitting, somebody will come and give me social rates. Somebody will come, so why should I take the pains for it? If I took the pains, I would only be doing a little bit better, so why should I make the effort? Do you know what the Bible says? Imagine this on the billboard of a political party: Whoever doesn't want to work, let him not eat (II Thessalonians 3:10). Can you imagine? Political program, somewhere on a poster. Voting program 2006: Whoever doesn't want to work, let him not eat!

I think there are some social rates that should be wiped out. Just wipe them out and make it in a different way. If you really want to eat and you really cannot find a job, let there be a way by which you might be able to get help. The state needs a lot of activities. Let people make money by work. There's a lot of useful work out there. But for somebody to sit at home and it be profitable to him, that is too much! What's more, it's the same in the church. Don't we grumble about the state? Don't you expect you'll live a quality life? Don't you expect you'll be satisfied in the Lord? Don't you expect you'll be spiritual and gifted if

you don't put your hands to the work? Don't count on it. Don't count on it because this thought is awful to the Lord. God will give you every opportunity so that you may do for yourselves that which is necessary for you to hold on and advance your salvation. The state (the church) should help people to stand on their own feet, not to stand on the state (the church). The state (the church) should take care that all of the people would stand on their own feet. There is the responsibility for the state (the church) to give people possibility, give them opportunity, not beat them up, to help businessmen to undertake new endeavors, making it easier for them to do it. Make it easier for employees to be employed. Make it easier for businessmen to employ employees that there may be work, that it may be well awarded. Because to take taxes just so that people would suffer is an absurd thought. We have a tax that is more expensive to take than what it profits. Did you know it? We call this a succession duty in Czech. That means the state pays out more money to take it than what it gets back in the end. So the easiest way to make more money is to quit it and stop paying it. Nobody will do it till the election in June, though.



God is calling us to be the Body of Christ, to function as the Body of Christ and to take hold of our own lives and deal with the issues that come upon us, that we might deal with our life according to the place that we might want to achieve with the help of God. It was not designed by God that we might count on something that is around us, no matter what name it may be defined by: state, church, family or whoever it might be, that it will get me something or somewhere. That's a deception and you will learn that you can't ever get any further and

you never will. You will just stay sitting. You will spiritually stay in that particular place and you will find that you can't go any further because nothing is pushing you any more. Nothing is forcing you any more. You will stay here and you will be satisfied. You know, in the last phase of socialism, a person didn't necessarily need to be doing bad, but neither could they be doing good. Do you understand? I am not talking about people who were in prison. But under that system of socialism, if a man wanted a reasonable work, he could very possibly work from 5:30 AM to 2:30 PM, or somebody could also work afternoons and so on. He could earn money that he might have spent for a journey to Sumava (Czech mountains). Once in a while, even, maybe go to Yugoslavia or something like that. It was also possible, if he was diligent in his saving, in 15 or so years for him to buy a Skoda (a car made in Czech, in those times one of the most affordable and widespread). It was possible to get an apartment for free. It was possible to relax in some way, maybe even go to the mountains. Maybe something similar as we do today. It could lead people to develop an attitude of why is it that we need to fight against this system?

Well, in the church, something similar can happen. We are relatively good, everything somehow functions. The kids are healthy, God is blessing us, God

will deliver us, we have a certain prosperity, so what? Why should we complicate it? Why should we complicate our lives? It doesn't cost me that much. They will preach it for me and what is more, they will mail it to me at home. I don't even need to read it, but I have it at home. Amen? I want to tell you one thing, one terrifying thing. The train is going and if a man doesn't board it, the train will leave without him. Let us put it differently. There is a way set before man and if a man doesn't set out on it, doesn't press through to the end of it, doesn't go the whole course, then he will not arrive at his expected end. It will not be as though you came to the halfway point and God said, "Enough, I'll pull you the rest." There is, to my thinking, a lot of people who will miss their salvation. That doesn't, I hope, have anything to do with you. There are a lot of people who have missed their salvation just because they didn't want to do anything about it. They put it off, put it off, put it off and their own heart was telling them that they didn't have an interest, that they didn't have a need, that they would just like to have a profit from it and that they actually don't like God, that they really like themselves more than God.

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vation. We know that we were saved, will be saved and are being saved. Who is it that works out our salvation? Come on, Bible students, give me a verse. Right: **...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling** (Philippians 2:12). We all think God is saving us. That's right. God throws the life preserver to us and does everything possible to save us even though God can't take us out of the water and bring us to the top. It wouldn't work. God needs us to fight, that we might get through the wrestling and the overcoming. Because only he that overcomes will get the promise. So let not yourselves get deceived, brothers and sisters. If you don't wrestle, you can't overcome and if you don't overcome, you won't get the promise. Does it mean that even on Sunday I have to wrestle against something? It's about the fact that you and I always have to decide for righteousness. You always have to resist the sin and walk in holiness. That is the fight. You will always have to struggle against evil. Don't worry, because that bad guy, Satan, will take care to be around you. That is not your responsibility. You don't need to make up a struggle. It is sufficient for you to decide and proclaim, "I will walk holy today, I won't let any unrighteous word come out of my mouth. Today, I am prepared, oh Lord, to hear what You're saying and be sent where You're sending me and talk what You tell me. I am prepared not to be lazy. Lord, if You direct me right on the way that I may bless somebody, I am prepared for it." That is enough. If you make this declaration, God will take care of the rest and the enemy as well. Then in the evening you will see, as you look back, that you struggled and fought and got your day under dominion.

You will see that you've received a new name, that you sit with God on His throne and that He allows you to reign. It's up to every one of us. I am convinced that once we get to Heaven, we'll wonder at who ended up there. We will be pleasantly surprised by somebody we find there. God will then reveal to us what was happening in his heart when we didn't see him. Just as Philemon was surely pleasantly surprised when Onesimus came. Maybe he seized him the first time he saw him. But by God's grace, Onesimus could say, "Not at all, Philemon, you have not caught me, for I have come by my own volition. I have a letter for you." Maybe Philemon was sitting and saying, "God, forgive me that I couldn't see and believe what You are able to do." For Philemon, it surely was a great miracle. He saw God's operating, God's ability. While he was thinking, "Who knows what's going on with Onesimus?" God worked. Don't lose your hope with anybody. God is able to grab them somewhere and touch them.


On the other hand, don't let us deceive ourselves. Just because somebody was walking with the Lord Jesus three and a half years and was one of His disciples doesn't necessarily mean he gets the salvation. You'd say, "Who else than those twelve?" But God knows better. God did everything possible for Judas, but He didn't make the last decision for him. Not even for the apostle Peter. Jesus is saying, "I have

prayed for you so much, but not even you will stand it and you will deny Me. But, fortunately, somewhere inside of you, there is the decision that you will repent."

I want to scare you a little bit, because it is biblical, at least Jude says so. Jude 1:23, **And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire.** I want to lay before you an offer.

We don't believe in socialism. We don't believe that "it will happen by itself." We believe you have everything in your hands. You have God's Word in your hand. You have God's power, God's authority. You have everything in order to grab your life. Lay hold of and grab your life and extract the maximum out of it. God will come and ask about your talents. He'll ask what we have done with them. If you think you will say, "I have buried them so that nothing would happen to them," then it isn't sufficient for God. God will count. Don't be deceived. God will give. He won't give that everybody will get. Amen? There will be great joy here, but also a great sorrow. If only I could do something for you in order that you would be a part of that gladness, that every one of you might have a joy that he ran to a place and got what was his to get, got his measure, got his amount. This free choice is God's offer and it's up to us what we do with it.

A person comes to God at the end and realizes he has just a small handful but thinks it is going to be easy to get the best. There isn't going to be any further agreements with God. God's servant will come, have a look at my paper, find me and say, "Martin Kluson, here we go. This you have gotten, this you have received, is how far you have come in God. This is how your star is." Amen. ✨



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Will You Still Trust Me?



...ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light... I Peter 2:9

A Testimony by Shannon Asbill

This past October, I experienced the miscarriage of what we had hoped would be our third child. Though it was a blow to us emotionally and physically, I don't want recount those details here. They were rather awful, and as I've retold them several times, I've come to realize that the retelling of those details starts to dim the memory of the truly marvelous things that God did for us in the midst of our loss.

When the symptoms began at the 10th week of my pregnancy, my first reaction was panic. I had already experienced one miscarriage, and I was not keen on having another one, so I kept telling myself (and everyone else) that I did not think it was a miscarriage that was happening. I contacted our family doctor, Dr. Ona, who advised me medically and then promptly prayed with me. That short time of prayer created such a peace in my heart about the situation. Even though I was impatient for the symptoms to "go away" (meaning, I wanted the pregnancy to go on and result in a healthy, full-term baby), I was at peace knowing that whether the baby lived or died, God was in control of the situation. If He was able to put the baby in me, then He was well able to keep it there, if that was His will. The symptoms continued for the rest of that week, but I was trusting that God was taking care of the situation.

Shortly after the problem began, I had asked God specifically what was going on, and He had immediately responded by giving me a dream and showing me a specific familiar spirit that was involved in the situation. My husband and I did some research regarding the thing that God had showed me and passed on what hair-raising facts we had discovered to some of the elders in our fellowship. We prayed, and they came and prayed with us, and the Body here and abroad began to fast and pray for us as well.

My heart was relatively at peace until our visit to the obstetrician a week after the symptoms began. The ultrasound she did showed a very underdeveloped fetus with no heartbeat - definitely not what we were hoping to see. Up to that moment, I had been sure that we would see a healthy, growing baby, and that what I had been experiencing was just a fluke and would soon be remedied. It

was a major disappointment, and I shed a few tears, but I had been trusting God for life, and trusting Him even if there was death, so it wasn't as devastating as it could have been.

But with the ultrasound results came a shaking in my peace. Many, many questions rose up in my heart about why this and why that. I didn't understand even a little bit how it was that we had prayed for a baby, and God had seemingly answered our prayers, and now the doctors were saying it was dead. There was much that the medical community counseled me on with regard to what we should do now, and how much time we had to decide to do it, and what could happen if we waited too long to "take care of it." But there was also much that we were hearing from a spiritual perspective about how we should pray and believe God for the life of the child, what seemed like a miracle now. Doubt, fear and uncertainty began to bombard my mind and I felt like I was in a whirlwind, not able to find a steady place to stand.

For three days after the ultrasound I was in a very dark place. I couldn't find the peace, the confidence in the Lord that I'd had for the whole week before the ultrasound, and my husband kept urging me to pick a side and stand there. Either I could believe God for the life of the child, or I could believe everything that the medical community was saying had happened and could happen to me, but either way, I needed to pick my position and stand in it. In one of the many conversations we had he told me a scripture that God had put in his heart for me. ***How long shall ye halt between two opinions?*** (I Kings 18:21). Try as I might, I could not find peace in either camp. I knew what the doctors had said, but to just believe them and forget God was impossible for me. Yet, to know what they said, and to just ignore it as false, or that they'd made a mistake, and believe that the child was still alive and at the proper development was equally difficult for me. For days I battled in my mind and heart to find peace, and I could not.

I was in the midst of the struggle when I saw a vision of myself, a bewildered, hurting little child with tears streaming down my cheeks, but I was holding on to an

enormous hand, so big that I could not comprehend the body it belonged to. I knew that it was the Lord, and I felt Him ask me, ever so gently, "Will you still trust Me?" In the vision I understood that it was OK that I didn't understand, OK that I was bewildered and hurting, but He wanted to know if I would still go with Him. I saw myself in the midst of the bewilderment, willingly walking with Him. He wasn't having to drag me or convince me to come. I was walking without resistance, even though I could not understand why we were having to go through this situation. It took me another day to realize that that was where I was to stand - knowing what the doctors said, believing that God could do anything as long as the child was still in me, but trusting Him regardless. When I finally got to this point, the peace that I had known before our first doctor's visit returned and the darkness retreated.


The very next day I lost the baby.


We ended up in the emergency room as we needed help to deal with the situation as it progressed, but because I had been able to find my steady ground to stand on, I handled it well. I wasn't depressed, and I wasn't even very sad. It had taken nearly two weeks to get to the culmination of this trouble, and I was actually in a good enough place that - much to my husband's surprise - I was able to talk to one of the nurses about the things that Lord had done for us and how much He had blessed us in the midst of it all.

As I write this, it has been just 3 weeks since I actually lost the baby. Though the physical aspects of the battle are over, there have been many spiritual battles to fight. In those few dark days after we had the ultrasound, I felt the devil offer to me the option to let the situation literally drive me crazy. I felt myself standing at an abyss of despair and depression - all I had to do was let myself fall over the edge. But as I felt the offer being given, and even as I contemplated the offer for a moment, I realized that I had a choice - I did not have to go that way, and I could choose to NOT allow the circumstances of the miscarriage to destroy me. I have had to fight the urge to let every baby and pregnant woman I have seen cause me a problem, but just as with the urge to let the situation destroy me, I have chosen to not have a problem with this, either. Instead of averting my eyes from the pregnant women I see while I'm out shopping or at church, I look straight at them and feel excitement for them and their little one coming. Instead of avoiding the babies I see in public, I look at them and smile, and I hold and coo-coo the ones that belong to my friends. I resist saying negative or bitter-sounding things like, "Well, I'm not pregnant *anymore*," when in conversation with others. I don't even let myself think things like that. I avoid thinking over the situation too much, because it brings up too many questions that I don't have the answers to, and the peace that I have begins to shake. I know the devil would like nothing more than

to see me become embittered and angry. I had lost hope for a time that we would ever get a baby again. I have lost this one, but I fight for the hope that was restored when I got pregnant with this baby and I look forward to the day when God will bless us with another little one.

As I was thinking about how to write this testimony, I remembered that I had had a song running through my head for a good portion of the weeks I was miscarrying. At first I could only remember the chorus: "'Til he makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth, be not silent and give him no rest." I didn't quite know what to think of it, except that I should just keep praying until we knew what the Lord was saying to us about the situation. It didn't occur to me until yesterday to look to see if it was a scripture. I wish I had looked sooner, because it comes from Isaiah 62, a beautiful chapter, and it strengthens my hope for the future. It goes well with the other verse that the Lord spoke to me that describes very much what He did for me during this time, for He brought me *out of darkness into his marvellous light* (I Peter 2:9).

¹For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. ²And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. ³Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. ⁴Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee. ⁶I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, ⁷And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. ⁸The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured: ⁹But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness. ¹⁰Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. ¹¹Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. ¹²And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken. 



All Things Are Possible!

September - October, 2006
An Overview of the 2006 Czech Conference
by Brother George Herrig

In the closing days of our time here in the Czech Republic, I thought it good to put down on paper for you, the reader, to understand concerning the move of the Spirit and its results pertaining to the 2006 Czech Conference held in the town of Tabor.

For a historical note, the town of Tabor is of great significance for it is where the followers of John Hus lived after his execution. This body of believers, while they remained in unity one with another, prevailed through many battles over all of their persecutors. Their loss in battle came only when they broke the unity of the faith. I believe that this is true for us, also, and this was very evident as we moved forward together in this conference.

There was so much that was given to us by the Lord in this time that I will just highlight the topics and several thoughts from each one of the meetings during this seven day conference.

The Lord laid down a vital and important first message for all of us in the first meeting on Sunday, September 24th. Matthew 19:26 states, ***With God all things are possible.*** The message went on to stress that God is expecting us to come to the position of the new creation man, but we must believe it in order to receive it. Several examples were given to us of those who believed and the meeting elevated our thinking and desire to live and move in that realm. Consequently, the meeting on Monday drew a number of testimonies from the brethren

concerning the faithfulness of God in their lives. The communication of their faith energized and blessed each one of us as we acknowledged how God works continually in all of our lives. You could also sense the Spirit uniting us with one another as we listened to the struggles and, most importantly, the victory in each testimony.

That evening, another key message and integral part of the conference was about the time that we are living in. Brother Cecil duCille ministered out of Revelation 11:1-2 concerning the destruction of the Outer Court and the plan of God to bring forth His two witnesses. The Word continued to encourage us as we reviewed in the Word the plan of God at the end of the tribulation at the midnight hour. The message also included the vision of the tribulation period as well as the vision pertaining to a nuclear war in 2008. The current events in the world certainly seem to coincide with the reality of the time we are in.

On Tuesday morning, the previous two messages brought a good and healthy response in the form of a question and answer session. On that evening, Brother duCille began a series of teachings on the seven stages of overcoming given to the seven churches in Revelation chapters 2 and 3. The first message began with the church of Ephesus. The brethren in this church had found apostles that were false and found to be liars. This was paralleled with certain ministries today whose doctrines are false. The message also centered on leaving our first

love. The question posed to us all was, "Is Jesus Christ #1 in your life?" And also that we needed to repent for leaving our first love. We were encouraged to remember the days when we loved Jesus with all of our hearts. The message generated much repentance that night with some brethren prostrate on the floor. It was not until 12:30 AM that the last person was prayed for and ministered to.

Wednesday morning brought more repentance and prayer and the afternoon meeting continued with the message to the church of Smyrna. We were challenged with the saying that "if we are ashamed of God, then we are going to have trouble. If you are having a problem and you are hanging your head, then you are denying God!" That was a most sobering thought for us and showed the need for us to rise up out of our humanity and walk by faith in His divinity. Brother duCille also shared about the nature of the mongoose. It is the only animal that can kill any type of snake. When the mongoose encounters a very large snake, it sends out a high-pitched sound which calls the other mongooses to come and help fight the snake. Even the largest snake is no match for three to five mongooses. As we look in the Spirit, we see the power that we have over the devil when we unite together as the body of Christ.

Wednesday evening carried us into the message to the Church of Pergamos. We went into the doctrine of Balaam that some in this church held onto. We could see the outcome - sin weakens the people of God and that sin will destroy everything we have of God if we let it. The doctrine of the Nicolaitans was also addressed and we were exhorted never to allow this spirit to take over in the group that was gathered there.

In the Thursday morning and evening meetings, we moved forward to the message to the Thyatira Church. We covered the Jezebel spirit and its power to seduce God's servants to commit fornication. Issues on pornography, adultery and unholy mixture were examined. We went into the doctrine of the soul and how God works to get inside of us and rule over us. Overcoming the spirit of anger and the power of fasting were also addressed in order to help us overcome the sins that so easily beset us.

On Friday morning we covered the Sardis Church which is where we are warned that the Lord will come as

a thief in the night. This church was chastised and encouraged to strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die. We are the temple of God and we are Jerusalem. I like the statement that was given us, "If you want to prepare the temple for the King, then you must use displacement." One kingdom pushing out the other. This session focused on the mind as well as the emotions and bringing them under control.

By late morning Brother Burt Asbill had arrived and he ministered in the evening session. Though Brother Burt had not been in our previous meetings, nor had he been told what went on in these meetings, he brought a prophetic word that confirmed everything that was happening in our midst. He shared how there are two destinies before us - the one unto godliness and the other unto perdition and he asked what we are doing with what we have to enlarge the Kingdom of God. He went on to say that the church has not begun to display that spirit of unity like the early church. The message continued reiterating the time we are in, the call of sonship, and the need to draw nigh unto God. The message concluded with the challenge, "How much are you willing to be sacrificed?"

Saturday morning brought a message by Brother Patrick Hamilton on the urgency of the time that we are in. Again, Brother Patrick highlighted some of the things that were ministered earlier in the week. He talked of the two festivals that were occurring at this time,

Ramadan (the Muslim holy month) and the Feast of Tabernacles.

He talked about the bride needing to get ready and posed the question to us, "Are you in a place in the body of Christ where you can marry this man (Jesus Christ)?" It is time for Zion to awake.

We had another afternoon meeting that was a lively question and answer session with many asking

about fasting and overcoming the emotion area of the soul.

The last meeting was a powerful move of God where we worshiped and had communion together. There was a restoration of relationships going on with the ending message on the meaning of communion. (On a further note, at the following Wednesday night meeting in Prague, Brother duCille finished the last two churches

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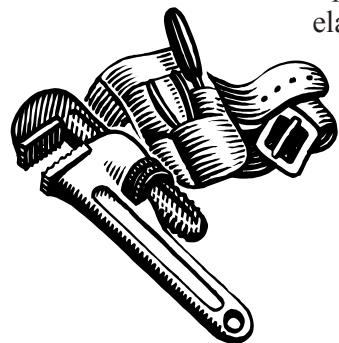
Remapping My Perspective

It's sometimes funny what God uses to get us into the place that He has prepared for us. It's really laughable to look in hindsight on some circumstances and seeing the mind of Christ and remember our own thoughts, selfish and ethereal as they were, while in the trials.

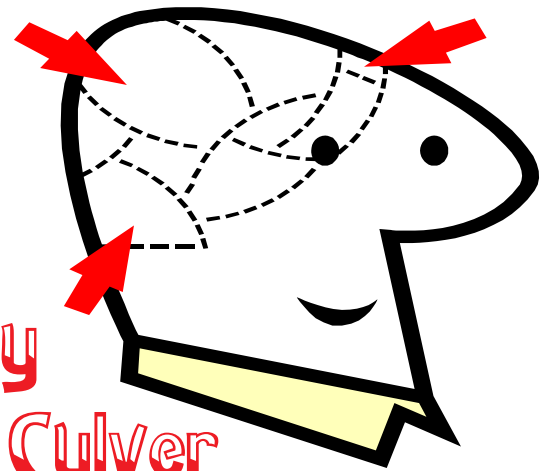
Today I am sitting at home writing this article before 5 o'clock in the evening. This may seem inconsequential to some but for me, it is one of the milestone demonstrations of the faithfulness of God to bless and recompense me. God brought me a new job about 4 weeks ago (laugh). "No, No, No, Lord, I don't need a new job!" I would say. From my perspective I had a good job and my employer was taking good care of me. But three months ago God began to speak to me about looking for a new job. I didn't understand "**what in the world**" God had in mind. And honestly, the thought didn't start in my own head, which I am learning is a good thing for someone who's thinks too much (laugh). I was working one evening with someone who suggested that I look into working for a mutual acquaintance who is in the plumbing business. I chuckled inside my heart like Sarah did with the angel. It seemed like a good idea that would not produce anything after I had spent all the time and energy to fulfill my responsibilities to walk out the word.

It was two nights later that God confirmed in my heart that He indeed wanted me to search for a new work environment. "God must be speaking about that mutual acquaintance that I've been thinking about," my mind told me as my emotions began to worry if I would like the new work environment, or get as much overtime as I needed, and what about the people, Lord? Would I be able to influence them for righteousness? It's really funny, brethren, all the thoughts that we picture frame with supposed situations that have not happened yet. Or we have these

elaborate expectations filled with "what if's" of how things will be before we are even in the situation itself. So here I am worrying about a change that God wants to bring in my life, looking at the job that I have, telling myself that it really isn't that bad of a place to



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work at. Emotionally, I was going back and forth! (Side note: for those who haven't heard yet, plumbers are not known for being the most upstanding and virtuous citizens in our backwards culture.) But back to the point, I didn't believe with my heart what God had told me would be the best thing for my life. I had my own idea and perception of what I could handle and what was needed in my life at the time. Once again, my mind jumped in the way of God and His plan. You know, it would have been a good thing had I knelt right there and repented of allowing my mind the license of dictating my response to the Word of the Lord, nipping it in the bud. But I spent far too much time and energy second guessing His purposes than just trusting that everything that I needed in a new job would be there, instead of trying to fashion something to walk into or change the people that I was already working around hoping that somehow God would change His mind. I had to trust and let go!

I began to get in touch with this mutual acquaintance and we began to talk about employment. There were a few things that he needed to do to make it legal for his business to hire another plumber. We kept in touch as he began to try and put the pieces together. We tried the political approach, appealing to the State of Illinois to credit my prior plumbing experience in California, which did not work. He tried to hire another licensed plumber for me to work under, but after almost a month of searching he was not able to find anyone. It felt like we were going to be stalled in this condition forever as I began to question the Lord. The company that I thought was the Lord's provision with all the accoutrements that I thought I would like and enjoy was not working out. From my perspective it was going to be great! I liked his employees, and I got along well with the owner. It was local builders with the same type of plumbing work that I was currently involved in. Everything seemed to be perfect as I eagerly waited every day for his phone call to tell me that he was ready. But time just rolled on and I began to question the Lord. I questioned if I had really heard the Lord, I questioned if I

shouldn't just stay where I was at. I had to fight all the emotions that come when my expectations of God and others were not being met.

While all of this was happening in my head, a plumber named Chris, someone that I had become friends with at my current job, left looking for new work. He was a Christian and we got along pretty well. He had approached me before with the idea of going into business together, starting our own plumbing business. I didn't feel a peace about that and it was just an idea that we rolled around in conversation, knowing that there was a big financial investment involved that neither of us had. After he left, I really didn't think about him too much but we kept in touch because I wanted to be open to any door that might open through him. Eventually Chris came across a businessman named Mr. S. who was a part owner in a sizable construction firm. Both of us had worked for this person as well as the other owner of the firm while with my current company. Together with the firm's financial backing and Chris' plumbing license they formed a new company called Phoenix Plumbing and I received a phone call from Chris offering me the position of first employee. I was quite leary of his excitement and the claimed opportunities with this new company. I had worked around the owners of this firm and knew them to have a very straightforward approach to their projects. They expected results!

Two or three months prior, on a Saturday morning, I had been sent to one of the apartment buildings owned by this construction firm. My partner and I arrived with instructions from my boss to only do what he assigned me to do, and nothing more. He explained that our schedule for the day was very important and there was not enough time in the day to get everything accomplished on our list, but if we were really efficient it could be done. So I was there working with my partner and Mr. S. approached me, asking me to do something other than what I was sent there to do! I explained to him that I was on a very tight schedule and my employer had already laid out my job assignments and I was not to deviate from those assignments. Mr. S., with a little temper, said that the apartment was to be sold the first thing on Monday morning and that he had a final plumbing inspection scheduled right before the house was to sell. I calmly said that I would not go above or behind my employer in what I had been given to do. He then offered me a large sum of money if I would come back on Sunday and fix it myself, working for him. I said "Mr. S., I am sorry but my employer signs my checks and I will not go behind his back in any way. If you have an issue with my employer, you will need to contact him yourself". I could see through his temper that even though Mr. S. was interested in getting the apartment sold he had been impressed with my response as I saw a small grin of admiration on the corner of his mouth for my stand of strict obe-

dience.

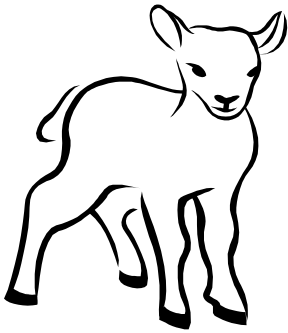
Another thing that I had foolishly allowed to influence me were a couple of rumors that had come my way over time about how Mr. S. ran his business. This too influenced my assessment of the integrity of Mr. S. and his partner. So I dragged my feet. Now mind you, God is speaking to me about finding a new job. But my opinion of the people offering me a job and their approach to business were affecting my interest in searching out this lead. After dragging my feet inwardly and a few more phone calls from Chris I got in contact with Mr. S. who was very happy to talk to me. As we met and discussed his ideas and plans with a new company it became perfectly clear that this was exactly where God wanted me to be. I was very blessed and impressed by his professionalism and straightforward approach. He also was a practical man in understanding the financial investment in tools and trucks that would be required to make us an efficient plumbing company. I saw that he was a good businessman with experience to back up his ambitions. As I came to the table to talk with him about employment there was one thought that I believed had been put into my heart from the Lord. It seemed rather trite of me to expect and hold this as some sort of fleece but I felt in my heart that God wanted me to hold this and test him with it. The fulfillment of it seemed unpractical and impossible, knowing my situation and the position that I was in with my current job. But after talking about his plans for the company he came down to brass tacks and addressed the fleece that was in my heart. He asked me if I had any requirements in regard to wages or what it would take to get me to come to work for him. And all of a sudden a confidence rose up in me as I said that I would like him to put his offer on the table and I would give a yes or no response. And to my inward shock he met the exact amount that I had inside of my heart that I had not told anybody about! It was absolutely amazing! It was beyond my rational explanation of what could have happened.

While praying about this new job, God came to me and began to make it very clear that He was blessing me! God showed me that what He had for me was beyond what I thought I deserved but in His love and care for me He was going to move and open a door. He showed me that my time at the farm here in Mahomet was not forgotten nor was it a waste of my youth. He showed me that He always recompenses my sacrifices and obedience, that I cannot out-give Him, that every investment that is made in the Kingdom will not only work a spiritual change in my soul but at some point down the road will bring a natural blessing.

You know, it is such an encouragement to have some thing that I see every day that reminds me of the love of God. It's like a little section of ground where I had been

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The Lord is My Good Shepherd



by Adela Pocajova

The Lord is so good! I am so thankful for what He does in my life. One of the wonderful things He spoke to my heart is Him being my Shepherd.

Psalm 23:1 says, **The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.** These words bring so much peace, rest and comfort to my soul. In many, many situations I have experienced, I

always found out that I can find my refuge in Him. Let me tell you some examples. One time, I thought I lost my passport. I knew that logically, it could be anywhere. I could have lost it anywhere. I didn't remember putting it somewhere. I was totally sure it was lost. It was a perfect situation to come to the Lord and say, "Lord, I don't understand, but You are the One whom I follow." His way for me this time was to find it. :) I am realizing that in the midst of all possible and impossible troubles I can know and be sure that He is the One who leads me, because I follow Him. I shall not want, because my desires are satisfied in Him totally caring for me.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. Amen. In God is full-

ness of provision. He has everything that we need for our lives and He will give it to us in the right time.

Psalm 23
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. This verse blesses me so much. The Czech word for *restoreth* speaks about God pouring new life into our souls. Imagine a hot summer day and it is like you take a cool shower. It refreshes you and gives you so much energy and joy.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me: In the midst of the worst situation you could find yourself; HE IS WITH YOU! Such a joy! And I don't need to fear evil, because I know that He will work it out and the end result is GOOD!

...thy rod and thy

staff they comfort me. As a good shepherd, Jesus has to use His rod many times to keep me from dangerous situations where my disobedience caused me to be. But my heart is not in rebellion against it, because I know that He does it because of His measureless love for me. His presence (even in the form of chastening :(Hebrews 12:6) comforts me so much; deep in my heart I feel so near to Him.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Do you think it was just King David about whom God cared so much? No, not at all. God's desire is to come to you and feed you with

Himself, so that your soul will be full and satisfied. He prepares the food for your soul, something special for every person and He wants you to know that He has much more than you can eat. There is so much in God and He wants to give it to us so that our soul might rejoice in Him. God speaks to me about Him being always ready to come and give. He doesn't have any problem with not

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having enough or having enough just for that person, or only at some particular time. He doesn't change.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord FOR EVER. Why can I be so sure? Because the Lord is my Shepherd. Isn't it something? I love this word - for ever. It's totally of God, out of His power and mercy. One song says: There's nothing more that I can do, for Jesus paid it all.

John 10:4 says,

And He putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

Obedience is a quality of a sheep. One of the things I am realizing I need to deal with is ignorance of the Shepherd's voice. I am so busy with what is going on around me, that I miss that quiet voice speaking in me. I don't pay attention, don't listen to it and then, of course, the consequences come. But God is faithful and I can have opportunity to overcome many times during every day. :)

Verse 5, ***And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers.***

Meditating about it, my responsibility is to follow the Shepherd. Obedience is a safe place. Have you ever heard it? Sometimes I am worried whether I hear God or something else, but this is wonderful truth. If I remain in obedience, then I will recognize the stranger and I will not listen to him.

Verse 10 says, ***The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*** The Greek word for life in this place is *zoe*.

In Vine's expository dictionary it explains this word: "*Life as a principle, life in absolute sense, life as God has it, that which the Father has in Himself, and which He gave to the Incarnate Son to have in Himself, and which the Son manifested in the world. From this life man has become alienated in consequence of the fall, and of this life men become partakers through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This life is not merely principle of power and mobility, however; for it has moral associations which are inseparable from it, as of holiness and righteousness.*"

Can you imagine? Jesus came so that I may have life as God has it. That

which God has in His own being is given to me abundantly.

The character of the Shepherd is the exact opposite of the thief (John 10:10). He didn't come to steal, but to give. Not to kill, but to give life and to resurrect. Not to destroy, but to build.

The 11th verse says, ***I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep.*** In the original it is written that the word translated as life is *psuche* which means soul. Verse 12, ***But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.*** ¹³ ***The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.*** ¹⁴ ***I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.*** God's intention and desire is to have a relationship from both sides. Not just knowing us, but us knowing Him. ¹⁵ ***As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: And I lay down my life for the sheep.*** Knowing the Father will lead me to lay down my soul. ¹⁸ ***No man taketh it from me, 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.*** I wonder and am asking when I also shall receive this commandment to pour out my soul totally. Until now I have heard it many times but the fullness of it is yet to come. Praise the Lord! May Jesus continue to lead you! ✨

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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planting lily bulbs on the farm for the past 3 years. Every year I'd put more bulbs in the ground. And surprisingly, this year, the first year that I could not help every day, over two dozen lily plants sprung up and bloomed beautiful white, pink and some yellow-red flowers. Looking back at my time of working on the farm year in and year out, everything that I've learned working together with other members of the Body of Christ is truly remarkable. No, it wasn't always easy and repentantly I didn't always have the proper perspective of why I was there and what God was working into my soul, but now that I have come through the other side, it will be another milestone testimony of the faithfulness of God to provide for my needs, both spiritually and naturally. And use it to open a door for me to a new season of life which could never had been utilized properly had I not learned and obeyed these past four years of working on the farm with the awkward positions that obedience to the Lord brought into my life. Today I leave my natural job in time to be home by five o'clock to start my spiritual job with my financial needs met, because God in His love has recompensed me for working for His Kingdom with the Body of Christ! ✨

GIANTS IN THE LAND

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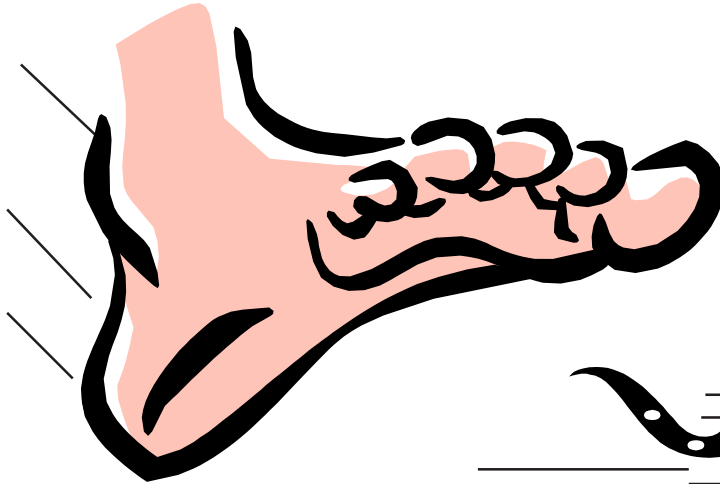
DELIVERANCE FROM

THE SPIRIT OF LUST

by Cecil J. duCille

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While I was speaking this morning about the Blood, and when I was saying that the Blood, as we reach up, would heal us of all the problems that are in the Body, one of the problems that popped up before me was the pornographic spirit, and the spirits of lust that Satan has his stronghold in. The stronghold of the devil is in that same spirit and that is one of the ways that he comes in. It is a door, a back door that is open in the Church and among the people of God that this spirit can come through. I was thinking that one of the ministers should get up and minister to the people here who are kneeling here for deliverance. And I finally heard the word that I was the one who should minister about that spirit.

When I was a young man, the spirit of lust took a hold of me, and in spite of all the miracles that God was doing in my life, in spite of all the things that were happening, the dead raised and the power of God on me, the humanity was still there and it was giving me trouble. I came to a point where I said, "Lord God, I want You to kill me. I must get rid of this thing or die. I will not live any longer with this kind of a devil working in my members." Hallelujah! You know, this devil comes in while you are in the midst of praising God. Here is the devil of pornography, the devil of some naked person, the devil of some sinful condition coming up before you. We are aware that this devil came here today to corrupt and disrupt the work of God Almighty, and we are ready to slay him, because God says that He has given us the power. Abba! Power over the power of the enemy, and the greatest power that Satan has here today is that power of bringing an imagery before you.

Let me show you something that the Lord just showed me there. In Deuteronomy 2 the Lord was

speaking to the Jews, and He was telling them about going into the land. What I am trying to say to you is that God spoke to the children of Israel and He told them to destroy all of the "-ites" out of the land. And He said that if you don't destroy all of them, they will rise up to be a destruction to you and to your life. No man, no woman, is going to go into the place that God has ordained for us unless we destroy this big devil, this giant of lust and pornography, this giant that rears it's head up.

You know, sometimes we think that marriage will help us and deliver us from the giant, and find out that marriage encourages it in some situations. You have to get it killed. You cannot hide behind marriage. You cannot hide behind being single. You cannot hide anywhere in the flesh. There is no hiding place. Numbers 33:51, ...*When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan;* ⁵²*Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures...* He is talking about pornographic pictures, pictures of their gods that they had. ...*and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places.* Hallelujah! These high places were groves where they had sacramental fornication as part of the sacrament that they had to give to this god. God Almighty said that when you go into the land, don't preserve those groves, don't preserve those pictures. But my God, we are here, and in the midst of the moving of God, a picture of this destruction flashes right before you. Pray to God right now. Let the Blood of Jesus Christ come upon this thing. *And in the name of Jesus we command Satan to leave our midst. We command the spirit of pornography, the porno spirit. Amen. We command this spirit to leave now. Hallelujah! Amen! Praise be to God! Amen.*

For years, this spirit held on to my family. For years this thing held on. And while we were praying, we saw this Indian goddess with six arms, and this thing was just striking, striking this young man – just beating him – all six arms. It was just like a mechanical thing was beating him in his face. He wanted to fight back. He wanted to win. He was trying to fight but there was no hope for him. We called on the name of the Lord. It took a long time before God intervened and broke it out, but let me tell you something - as Sister Sue said, you don't have to wait to die to get rid of this thing.

I went to God and said, "Kill me, God. I want to die now. I am not going to eat one morsel until you set me free. If you don't set me free, then take me home! I am not going to live with that devil one more minute." Amen. Yes - I was not going to live with that devil one more minute, and I stopped eating. I stopped eating in April. April is always my worst month. I am sure that they did crucify Jesus in April, because when April comes it is terrible. I did not eat that month, and I was so weak, I fell in the bed and I got pneumonia, and I started vomiting blood. They tried to give me something to eat and I refused. They tried to give me a little thing in my mouth, a liquid, but I said, "NO! No food, no water! I want to die. Unless God Himself intervenes, I must die. I am not going to live with lust ANYMORE!" No more!

You must have the will to do it now. As I said, Sister Sue came up here and she said what happened to George's father - when he got to a point that he actually entered into a place with God, and he came back. Hallelujah! And when Manoah saw God, he said, "Oh God, I am going to die now because I have seen God." And God said, "No, you won't die" (Judges 13). That means that God has a place where you can see God and LIVE. God can intervene in your life and deliver you. Hallelujah!

Yes, some of us are hiding behind the woman, hiding behind the wife. The wife is hiding behind the husband. If it were not for the husband or the wife, you would have been taken by this spirit. Amen. But we are hiding. THERE IS NO HIDING IN THE FLESH ANY MORE! THERE ARE NO HIDING PLACES! It said KILL ALL THE INHABITANTS IN

THE LAND!!!

You know, sometimes you look and you say, "Oh, but that was cruel." "That was rough." It was not cruel. It was a spiritual disease that would destroy the whole human race. God said, "Wipe them out. I create and I destroy." Those who were to go to heaven, God would take them in. Those who were to go to hell, God would take them in. As a matter of fact, at that time, everybody went to hell, because Jesus Christ had to come to take them out of hell.

But the fact is, God says, "Destroy from the land! I'm taking you into a land. I'm taking you into a new place. You cannot go in that place with the sins that you have out here." You must be free. You can't preach the gospel without being free. Amen.

I saw one brother, I mean, I am talking things out of school, but let me tell you, this brother was part of the church where we were. He was one of the high men in the church. I don't remember if he was a bishop or what, but he did not overcome lust. He could not resist the women in the church, the poor women who were weak, they could not resist, and so he got involved. The church found out, they caught him and tried him, and they kicked him out. Do you know what he did? He went and started his own church. He was the big shot now. He has one of the biggest churches in the United States now, and he is still carrying on. Is he wicked and bad? He can't help himself. He never did get deliverance from that spirit. Amen.

I fasted until I came to a point of vomiting blood, coughing, and taking nothing at all. I lost all strength and was not able to get up off of the bed. I could hardly open my eyes. I had to make an effort to open my eyes. My eyes were sunken down and all that was left there was a skeleton. God had been coming to me every day and showing me where I was going up the hill. Amen. One day after forty days had passed over, He showed me, "Well, you have made it." On that day, He sent my brother, who had been searching for me for a whole month. He found me up in a mountain, lying down in this condition. God told him to bring one bottle of cod liver oil malt. That was what he brought, and that was exactly what I needed. That was the first nourishment that I took.

But then, I WAS SET FREE. Amen. Now, after

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being set free, do you know what happened? Any time that you get set free, you get tested. So I was tested. One night I was in my bed, lying fast asleep, very tired after working all day in the field. In those days, we would go out and work in the fields. Any brethren who had a field, all the brethren would work, plant the corn, weed the ground, do that. I was so tired I just fell asleep and that was the night when Satan decided to take me. Amen. That was the night when the sister came and layed down on top of me. AND that was the night that I didn't have any feelings. It was repulsive to me. Amen. Satan made a move, but he was late.

Let us surrender to God now. You know, I have been reading the Old Testament, and it is such a power. God said, "You are My property. I have brought you unto Myself as a peculiar people. You cannot do as you like." Amen. In the Name of Jesus Christ I want us all to begin to cast out the devils, right now. Hallelujah! I want us to begin to cast out the devils. Do you have something to say, sister?

Mrs. Mekuria: Yes. I almost did not want to come to the altar because I thought it was not my problem. But I have another giant, the spirit of anger. I thought I am a kind, good person, but I have been tested and

failed many times. So when you pray now, it is not only one giant, there are other giants, too. We have to be free, so every other giant that we have here, we really have to get rid of it and move on. I don't want this spirit to destroy our family, and I see it getting stronger and stronger. I'm bringing up a little one, so I want to be free.

Brother duCille: Amen! Yes! Amen! Notice that this enemy that we are talking about comes through the emotional door. He comes through the emotional door, and if you can't control your anger, it is a devil. It is a demon that is in you, and must come out. Hallelujah! And so it is, let us cast the fire of God upon this situation at this time.

I want every person - you well know what your problem is - begin to tell God right now that you want

this thing out and it must come out right now. *In the name of Jesus Christ we are casting out the devils of lust, we are casting out the devils of anger. We are casting out every emotional devil, for this is the temple of the living God, and in this temple, God must dwell. We command it in the name of Jesus Christ that the yoke be broken, that we would be set free at this moment.*

God Almighty, we are committed to you by covenant - we will die now. Let us die now, my God. Hallelujah! Let us not live any longer in sin and unrighteousness. While we have the glory of God, we still have sin bothering us, sin, wherein a devil has a right over us. Satan, in the name of Jesus Christ, we take away from you the right, we take away from you every right. THIS PEOPLE belongs to God. They have come through the fire, and they are coming unto Zion, and you shall not stand in the way any more.



LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, put Your fire upon this devil, upon these devils, these satanic creatures that oppress your people. LORD GOD, we command it! We command it! By the Blood of Jesus Christ. In the Name of Jesus, let it be done. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Praise be to God!
Let there be LIGHT!
And there was LIGHT!
Let there be deliverance, there be deliverance,

at this moment. Let the people of God be set free. In the Name of Jesus. In the name of Jesus – Lord God, we surrender to You! We surrender to You at this moment, that we might be free. Hallelujah! We will not live one day longer with this devil in our emotions. LOOSE! In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to leave the people of God.

THESE ARE MY PEOPLE! They are NOT your people. They are the PEOPLE OF GOD.

In the name of Jesus leave them! I command it in Jesus' name. Hallelujah! We break your yoke. Hallelujah! In the name of Jesus. Amen. Praise God! Hallelujah! Loose! Hallelujah!

Well, if you feel - proclaim your liberty! Those of you who feel that God has indeed touched you - you are free now - proclaim your liberty! 🙌



Diligence

by Bibiana Capcikova

Ephesians 5:2, And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

The Lord has been talking to me about diligence a lot these days. I looked up in Stong's concordance the meaning of the word. It means: to guard, to work, to haste, to speed, to use haste or speed. To me it sounds very active. It sounds like I have to work hard. I really enjoy the verses that the concordance refers to in Proverbs 4:23, **Keep (watch) thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life** and II Peter 1:5,10, **And beside this, giving ALL DILIGENCE, add to your faith virtue... wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure.** These verses talk to me about an active labor in order to reach the goal. They say that I need to DO something and that I am responsible for how I am doing, for the measure of blessing I get, for how much God I experience. Because God says whoever asks, it shall be given unto him, or if I don't ask, I don't get. That means it is up to me. God won't force me, though. He gave me free will and I can decide for myself what I want to do. I can decide if

I want to be unhappy and depressed and look at all the trials I have to go through and surrender or if I want to be well in the Lord, rejoicing and praising Him. I sure want to be well! That means, though, that I have to exercise some diligence, I have to fight, I can't let my flesh overcome, I can't be passive. I know God wants every man to be a son. A son of God is somebody who is diligent. He does everything that is in his power to overcome. He has tenacity, he hardly gives up. When he falls, he rises up and does not stay "down." He gets advantage of his tribulations and uses them for his change.

I have an experience that happened just a little while ago. One morning we sat at the table to have breakfast and we started talking about what the Lord was speaking to us and so on... Daddy suddenly told us this verse, **In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you... that where I am ye may be also** (John 14: 2,3). He asked us what we thought it meant. Finally, we got to

the point that the place, **where I am ye may be also**, is a place of being a son of God. That was very interesting, because I've never thought of it like this. Anyway, Daddy told us to meditate upon the verse and ask the Lord what it meant. I imagined I would think about the verse the whole day and the Lord would tell me what it means (just as I did a few days ago when we got similar task). Well, it wasn't quite so... As I went out of the door, I started thinking about it and I had it in my mind for some time, but the business of the day blew the thought away. At the end of the day, Daddy asked us what the Lord had been telling us about this matter. I thought, "Oops, I forgot about it! I started the day with the Word in my mind, I was praying, asking the Lord and then somehow it flew away and I found myself concentrating on other things." Daddy told us that it was our homework and we didn't do it. He told us that God probably wanted to take us to some place, to give us something, but we missed it. Later on I thought about it and it reminded me of my

school, how we used to get homework and it was supposed to be done on a certain day, of course. Then when the day came, sometimes it happened that some of us didn't have the homework done. What happened then? Well, if we were lucky and had a "good" teacher, she'd let us do the homework even after the deadline and we wouldn't be punished. Most of the time, though, if we didn't have it, we didn't have it and couldn't make up for it, and we had to suffer the consequences (we used to get bad points, and for 5 of them we would get an "F" right away or something not really pleasant) and finally, it was bad for us (even when we didn't think about it at that time, we just thought the teacher was "cruel" and that it's not a big deal) because WE didn't practice new English grammar or new biological terms or whatever. So that means we didn't put all diligence to accomplish what was required of us. It was the same with my "homework." I didn't do everything I could so then I didn't get my answer. Well, the Lord is so merciful and He told me what the word meant the day after. It doesn't mean He'll do it every time. I didn't expect Him to be so gracious, I thought I missed it. Finally, I learned two lessons: that God wants me to be a son, to walk without sin, overcome my flesh, just as Jesus did. To walk in unity with my brethren and be an active part of the Body of Christ, and that I have to put all diligence to whatever I am doing. I can't take anything for granted!

Every word that I have heard or read lately is mostly talking to me about one thing - diligence. I am realizing we are really living in the end times. If we believe what is going to happen, we can't afford being content in the state we are in, but we have to PRESS toward the mark of the high calling that we might GET the crown of glory which is prepared for us. If we press, we get. As the Word says, "If ye draw nigh unto Me, I will draw

nigh unto you" (James 4:8). It is amazing how God comes and works when we draw nigh unto Him. He is also very active and His response always surprises me. But unfortunately, it works the other way as well. That means if we don't press, don't draw nigh to Him, if we are not willing to be changed, He does not have an open door to do His work in our souls. We have to participate.


The Lord taught me several things where I had to change my attitude and not take them for granted, but utilize them and be diligent. First, the word He's speaking through His servants. I have to chew on it and not just put it on the shelf or let it sit there and let the dust fall on it. There are so many preachings I have heard, but each one brings something new and gives me more revelation if I am diligent and let it get into my mind and to my soul and let it do the work it is sent for.

Secondly, the meetings we have. I found out how easy it is to be living just a "Christian" life. I came here to the U. S. and it's very different than what it is like in Slovakia. Back in Slovakia when I was walking with the Lord, I was going to school, I was among the kids from the world every day, so I had to be different, I was forced to keep my position of being a light. Our meetings used to be very blessed, but everybody had to participate. There were just 10 of us, so when somebody was having a problem, the whole fellowship was having a problem and the life couldn't flow. We do not have any preachers there or any elders. The oldest people are two (now three) ladies, our moms, and then there were us kids. So we couldn't rely that somebody was going to bring the word or somebody will play the instruments and I would just come and praise and listen to the word. It was we who preached, sang, prayed, prophesied. Here, I work in the Lord's business. I am surrounded with people who walk with the Lord. We have many more people in the fellowship and there are

elders and brethren who bring God's Word. I don't want to say these things are not good, the opposite is true- they are perfect! It's a great blessing for me to be here with all the brethren and experience God's love among His people and see how the Body functions and be so much involved in God's business. There is just one thing I need to be careful about - not to be like Abner, who didn't use his weapons and because of that he died. The Lord has been showing me that I have to progress and I can't be comfortable and do nothing. He has put me here for his purpose and He doesn't want me to sleep. This is a great opportunity to be trained for the things ahead... if I give all diligence.

Lastly, my falls. Oh my, I did so many things wrong and I had, and still have to learn so much! Many times I felt very frustrated because of my mistakes. Well, that happens if I do not take the advantage of all the corrections I get. The important thing that the Lord taught me is to love the instructions and know that it is for my good, because "whom the Father loveth..." (Proverbs 3:12). He doesn't want me to forget about my mistakes and think, "It was not a big deal!" But He wants to show me particular things in my heart I need to overcome and that He gives the power for us to overcome!.. If I give all diligence.

I just would like to encourage everybody to keep pressing on and strive for the mark of the high calling and don't be satisfied with what you have and don't miss any opportunity when you can be changed and learn something new!

I would like to say one more thing. A big THANK YOU to all the brethren I am daily around, thank you for your love and for receiving a stranger like me. With you I don't feel like a stranger any more. Thanks for the examples I have in you all. Thanks that I can see through you the functioning of the Body of Christ. Thank you and God bless you all! 



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Gloriana Hotel, MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA

SESSION 1
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SESSION 2
JANUARY 5th - JANUARY 11th, 2007

AIRFARE

Air Jamaica will provide a 5% discount if you book your ticket at www.airjamaica.com. (Please request the special group code from us.)

For those of you still looking for airline tickets, Brother Russ Blom has made an arrangement with US1 Travel to receive a 5% discount on the base fare (before tax) of tickets purchased through their website. Currently the discount is with:

- o Air Jamaica
- o Northwest Airlines (still pending as of October 13)
- o American Airlines (still pending as of October 13)

PLEASE NOTE: Tickets are selling very quickly. You must purchase your ticket ASAP in order to get the lowest possible price. ***AIRFARE FOR WEEK TWO IS SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN WEEK ONE.**

Tickets can be purchased through Bro. Russ Blom at 561-795-3227 or r.blom@juno.com

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FOOD

Mandatory - 3 meal/day package

Cost: Adults - \$16/day

Children (2-12 years) - \$10/day

The meals will be good, healthy meals similar to those provided at the last conference.

OFFERING

An offering will be taken at the conference to help defray other general conference costs. For those brethren who would like to help with conference costs, please send an offering to Sonlight Ministries Intl. with a note indicating that it is for the Jamaica Conference.

LODGING

Room with one double bed - \$45/night

Rooms with 2 double beds - \$55/night

Please specify which room you would like. There are a limited amount of rooms at each price.

Accommodations will be assigned by first come/first serve basis. Lodging will be provided at the same rates if you come in early or stay later than the conference dates.

If you are a single person and would like to share a room with other brethren, the cost will be \$14/night. Generally rooms would have two double beds, and would hold four people. If you have certain friends that you would like to share a room with, please specify your group to us on your reservation. Lodging will be provided to you in one of three different hotels in Montego Bay. The conference meetings will be held at the Gloriana Hotel. Some of you will stay in this hotel. Others will stay at hotels in the same area. Once you book your reservation with us, we will tell you the specific hotel that you will be staying in.

RESERVATION & DEPOSIT

If you initially indicated that you would be attending, but are now unable to do so, please email us immediately at info@smintl.org or leave a message with Gary Sonmore at 303-412-2145.

LATE REGISTRATION FOR JAMAICA CONFERENCE

We want everyone that can come to the conference to be able to come. If you were not able to make your reservation by the October 10th cutoff, there will still be rooms available, but they may not be at the group rate. As soon as you are able to make your reservation, please contact us to find out availability and rate information. Please make your reservation as soon as possible for the best pricing. The balance will be due by December 15th. Your payments are non-refundable because of our advance group commitment to the hotels and caterers.

We are now able to accept payment by VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express credit cards. If you would like to pay by check, please make all checks payable to Sonlight Ministries Intl..

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Do You Know Who You Are?

By Nathaniel Chattic



Revelation 1:5, *And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 'And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

There have been many times where I have questioned what direction I have been going in God, where all of my experience in Him has taken me, what I have drawn from seeing what He has done for me, for my loved ones, my friends, and people that I did not know at all. I know what it is like to be in the presence of the Almighty God and to long to stay there, to receive the life and energy from the Holy Spirit. I know what it feels like to hear His Word bringing forth the revelation within my being, and feeling that surge of life rushing in like a roaring tide, flooding my heart and reinvigorating my soul! I know what it is to be able to stand up in faith, to “go against the grain” of natural circumstances, or behave differently from what would be considered the norm from traditional human perspective. Yet, I know that I have not always taken the initiative in the Spirit when He is leading me to do so, and it has cost me. I know that I have not always been consistent in my behavior towards others in love, patience, and other fruits that should be brought forth under the auspices of the Spirit, and have not. I know that I have looked at my personal environment, and have gone from day to day as if that is all that I know, on the natural plane. I am saying this because I desire to uphold the testimony that God has established in my life, and I desire by faith to fulfill whatever plan or intent He has designed specifically for me. My encouragement through this discernment is for us to not forget who we are in Christ, and to not allow our personal set of circumstances, or what we see on the natural level, to discourage or dissuade us in our endeavors to do what it is that God wants us to do.

Everyone has something to offer in the Body of Christ. Not only does God know this, but Satan also knows this, and he knows what will happen once the Body begins to function as it should, which is why he does what he can to deter us from our paths in Christ. Satan wants our vision

of the eternal permanently impaired. We know this natural plane is his to rule over, but what I think we sometimes do not understand is that it is his because God allowed it to be, in order to prove Himself in you and I while living on such a low plane. I keep thinking back to something that Brother duCille says regarding spiritual warfare. We cannot fight the enemy with his weapons, or on his plane. We have to rise up in the Spirit a notch higher in order to combat him and his “cronies” and defeat them. And being able to discern what it is that you are warring against, or what it is inside of you that you have to go to God with, lay down on the altar, or whatever the case may be, takes a certain amount of vision. And Satan would rather have us not see where we really are, or what we are really warring with, in order to try and continue to establish complete dominance over us in his domain.

I believe that one of the things that we have a great deal of trouble with is how we look at things, or rather not looking at our situation(s) from the proper (God’s) perspective. And part of the problem is that the enemy wants to erase from our mind who we are in Christ. Ephesians 5:8, *For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:* Part of understanding who we really are is understanding where we came from or out of. I have been thinking about the transformation that Peter went through, from his time with Christ, and his personal deliverance from self-preservation. I believe that he really desired, to a degree, to do good by his Master, to protect Him, just as he told Him he would (Mark 14:29-31, Luke 22:33). The problem was that Peter’s perspective was coming from a natural dimension or plane. When the time came for him to back up his words (or so he thought!) at Gethsemane, and he drew his sword and smote one of the soldiers, what did Christ tell him to do? Put it away! Can you imagine Peter’s reaction to that command? “Lord, this is my time to prove to you that I can defend you, and you’re telling me to put up my sword?” Completely shell-shocked! Yet, when the time came for Peter to defend Christ again, but this time without the sword, he failed. God wanted his eyes to be opened, which is what He told Peter. Luke 22:31, *And the Lord said,*

Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: ³²But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. God wanted Peter to confront what was going on deep within his heart and deal with it, and we see what happened once Peter received the revelation.

God has not changed His mind when dealing with us. Whenever I read that verse in Luke, I just as well may apply it to how I look at my own set of circumstances. “Nathaniel, Nathaniel, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: BUT I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not.” It comes down to perspective and resolve. Don’t let your own personal set of circumstances deter or dissuade you from accomplishing that which God has in mind for you. That’s what Ephesians 5:8 is saying, to not allow our natural mind to deceive us, keeping us in a place that we were not intended to be. Matthew 5:14, ***Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*** Know who you are in Christ. Once we receive that revelation, our “conversion,” there will be nothing that we cannot do in God. There will be nothing that Satan can offer in this natural realm that can entice, distract, divert or subvert us from our goal. Our vision will be crystal clear. The baton has been passed along to us, so there is no place for contentment, or being satisfied with where we are at, because the cloud of witnesses that we have heard so much about, those that have gone on before us, were not satisfied nor content with their position. We all have something to offer in the Body. But our foundation must be Christ, and our vision/objective must be clear.

God is for us, and hell is against us all the time. ALL THE TIME. That means that like God, Satan is no respecter of persons. The only difference is that he wants to see you come on the short end of the stick. Death is relentless. So how much more should we be for the things of God? The devil knows what our potential is, and he knows the buttons that he can press in order to see us come up short IF we submit to his authority. We have heard the word concerning the marking process, and right now, people are receiving a mark. We must be careful to not live day to day, as if what we see in the natural is all that there is. Know who you are in God. It is a process that must be walked out, that takes a resolve to see it through, persistence and participation. We have a tremendous testimony to uphold. We see that more of hell has been released against the church, and we know that the church (functioning under the Head) is the only entity that can offer the world true hope. As a whole, God’s plan is as awesomely grandiose as it is intricate, and you and I play an important piece in that plan, at least from His perspective.

Let us continue to stand firm in the foundation that is Christ, and pray for the revelation that God’s perspective would be our own. Satan would want to convince us otherwise, but the warfare we are engaged in is spiritual in nature. God wants us to succeed, but we have to want it to. Once God influences our perspective and we know who we are in Him, our vision will be so clear that there won’t be any limitations to what we will do for God in our respective environment(s). God bless you. ✨



We are always up for seeing new faces come in and fellowship with us, and this month was no exception! We were privileged to have Brother Drew and Sister Jane Ama in our midst on the 8th. Brother Emeka Osaji came and visited with us on the 22nd, and Brother Eugene and Sister Eileen Myers were here for fellowship on the 29th. Thank you for coming out and dining with us!

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in Revelation; the Philadelphia church and the Laodicean church).

The praise and worship times during the conference were very anointed of the Lord to bring us into His presence. True worship brought repentance into our hearts and prepared us for the messages the Lord wanted to deliver to us. On one particular morning in praise, we were elevated to a position of faith in which we were exhorted that whatever we would ask of the Lord, He would do. We prayed for healing for various individuals as we sang the song, "I Am the Lord that Healeth Thee." That same morning we also interceded for the city and its people to be delivered from the principalities that ruled over them.

I would like to take the opportunity to mention that the Czech brethren were very gracious hosts for the visiting brethren. All the details of transportation, housing and any other needs were taken care of by the local body in Prague. We want to extend our extreme gratitude and

thankfulness for their care and love for those that traveled to this conference.

In conclusion, it was a tremendous blessing to be part of this move of God in the Czech Republic during this conference. I would encourage each of you to consider listening to these meetings that will be available on MP3 and/or video DVD. I am sure that you will receive the blessings and strength of the Word of God that was given to us at this conference.

Thank you and may God bless you. 🙏

