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Keeping In Touch

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

Philippians 1:27

Inside At A Glance:

- *Kids' Chronicles*
- *Testimonies from the K.I.T. Staff*
- *Words to Consider from Mr. Burt Asbill and Mr. and Mrs. duCille*
- *AND MUCH MORE!!!*



Matthew 25:13, Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Welcome to another edition of *Keeping In Touch!* It is incredible to see how quickly time is passing, and it does not appear to be slowing down! Hence the importance of knowing and doing what God is requiring of us in this hour, amen. Inside these pages, you will find a few more testimonies of people of faith in Fox's *Book of Martyrs*. Sister Terry Smith also has some insight that God has given her to share in her articles. In addition, some of the *K.J.T.* staffers have written what is on their hearts to bless and encourage you. And finally, we have three words to really dig into by Brother Cecil duCille, Sister Mavis duCille, and Brother Burt Asbill. If you have anything to share, a testimony, prayer request, article, or even a recipe(!), please do not hesitate to send your submissions to:

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Seven Stages of Overcoming

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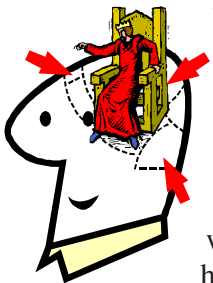
For the message about the overcomer, we will go to chapter 3 of Revelation. We will just make a few remarks on the ending of chapter 2, the promise for those who overcome under the difficult circumstances of the Thyatira church. God says in verse 26, *And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: ²⁷And he shall rule (shepherd) them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. ²⁸And I will give him the morning star. ²⁹He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*



We notice here that God is saying that those who overcome in this church, under these severe conditions, will have Jesus Christ in the middle candlestick of the lampstand. Jesus will be standing in them as part of them. He said He will give them the morning star, and Jesus is the morning star.

Now, there is something else here that I want to bring to your attention, before we go on to chapter 3. I'm going back to verse 25, *But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.* There is a certain amount of tenacity that the children of God must have, to hold on to what God has given them. If you don't have that ability to hold what God has given you, the world will take it away from you. But I want you to understand that in every circumstance, no matter how bad it is, God is creating a people that will be an overcomer company.

We think of Brother Wurmbrand. I don't know if you ever heard of Wurmbrand? When he was in a Communist prison camp, they took wires and wired his brain and fed Communist doctrine into his mind. Remember now, your mind is that seat of Christ that God ministers to in order to minister to the man. When they thought that they had fully indoctrinated him with Communist doctrine, they took off the wires. Brother Wurmbrand said that he felt like his brain was shattered. He was half conscious, but all he could say was, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus..." The Communists had lost. Their experiment had been destroyed.



God is creating a new man within us, and if we follow the leading of the churches around us, then we will be rejected by CHRIST. What He said in this passage of scripture is that if we follow on, and hold fast that which He has given us, then God will say, "This is the type of man that I want to rule and reign with Me."

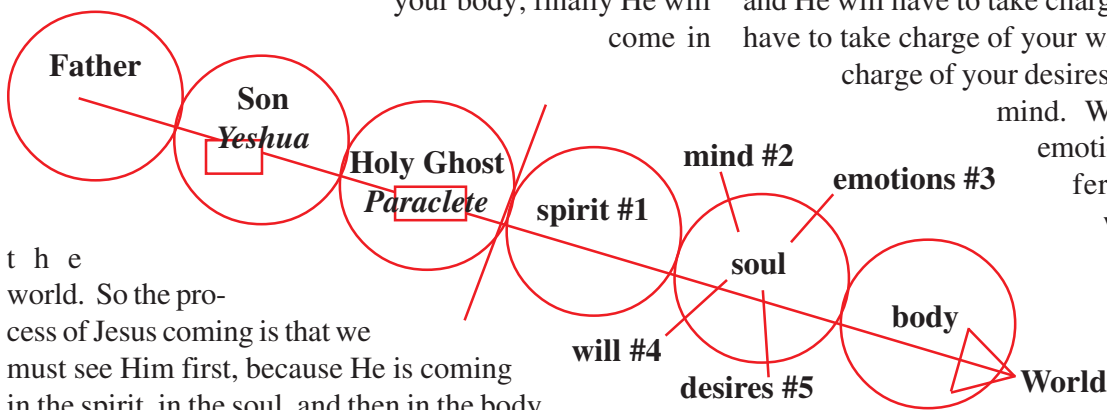
To the church world today, this is like a fable. As far as the Catholic Church is concerned, Jesus is already come. Their Jesus is sitting on the throne of Rome right now. As far as we are concerned, our Jesus IS COMING! Now, Jesus is coming in two different dimensions. Jesus is coming in the church like a thief in the night. Let me explain something here.

Jesus is coming, I said, but He said, *lo, I am with you alway* (Matthew 28:20). So if He is coming, and He is with us always, WHERE IS HE COMING? All right, we know where He is coming from. The first circle is the Father. Now, He has a way that He is coming. He is coming through the Son (the second circle), and we call Him Yeshua. But

Yeshua is coming through the Holy Ghost (the third circle), and we call Him *Paraclete* (Strong's G3875, John 16:7 as *Comforter*). Is that right, brother? I purposely used a language that everybody is supposed to know. Now, where is He going?

The scripture says Jesus Christ will appear in His temple (Malachi 3:1). So Jesus will probably come in Jerusalem then. What do you think about that? He *will* come in Jerusalem, but not the Jerusalem in the geographical place called Israel. So, if you are talking about this Jerusalem (inside us), then He is coming in Jerusalem. Now, the church is thrown off completely, because you know what they say? They say that they will have to go to Jerusalem, Israel, they will have to fight with the Arabs, they will have to blow up the mosque of Omar, they will have to build a temple, and then Jesus will be able to come into the temple. It is a wrong idea.

Jesus is coming IN HIS TEMPLE, sitting right here before me. Yes. He starts coming in your spirit; next He will come in your soul; next He will come in your body; finally He will come in



the world. So the process of Jesus coming is that we must see Him first, because He is coming in the spirit, in the soul, and then in the body.

Now, how far has He gone? Jesus is fully come in the spirit. Now, if He is in the spirit in His fullness, then the spirit is perfect. Have you ever heard of someone who was in the Spirit who made a mistake? So then, Jesus is in you in His perfection. So, if Jesus is in me in His perfection, why do I sometimes fall into error? Because I am a particle person. I have a deception about me. I am standing before you, and you say, "Cecil duCille is a black man." You are wrong! If you say, "Cecil duCille is 6 feet plus." You are wrong. You can describe me and you are dead wrong, because inside of me I am a soul that you cannot see. That means although one part of me is physically here - I can hit the floor with my foot, and you can hear it - there is another part of me that is ethereal, that is spiritual, and you can't see it. It is in a different realm. It is on a different frequency. You electronic geniuses should know what I am talking about.

So far, we have defined Cecil duCille as being on two frequencies. I am on one frequency in my spirit. I am in another frequency in my soul. AND I am on another frequency in my body. You notice that I didn't write a #2

here in the drawing of the soul. Does anybody know why I put a #1 by the spirit, but I didn't put a #2 by the soul? The reason why I didn't put a #2 here is because my soul is on more than one frequency. Watch it, now.

My soul can think. Does everybody understand what "think" means? My soul can enter a frequency where it meets the Spirit. It is a thinking, calculating being, entirely different from my body. So we call that part MIND. My soul has a frequency that is called MIND. That is #2.

Then there is another frequency that my soul is on, and that is the EMOTIONS. What do the emotions do? They feel. They are alive. They feel certain things. They love. They hate. Do you follow what I mean? So you can sin with your emotions, as well as with your mind. So this is #3.

There is another frequency that we call the WILL and this is #4. So my soul has a WILL and it can decide to do so and so and it holds on to it. And my soul has DESIRES, #5.

Now, if Jesus is coming, He is coming in your mind and He will have to take charge of your emotions, He will have to take charge of your will, and He will have to take charge of your desires. So far, He has come in the

mind. When He takes charge of the emotions, it will be an entirely different realm altogether. So what God did was He gave you a body, and the body is going to manifest the soul. When I think, you don't see my thinking but the thinking manifests through the body, so I be-

gin to do what I am thinking. Then I feel something: I feel heat; I feel cold; I feel happiness; I feel sadness. We see people start to sing, "I will rejoice in Thee and be glad..." What are they doing? They are expressing something that is in the emotions, in the mind. So, the expression is actually in a whole different realm of feeling. God created five basic senses in the body. I believe that you have many more senses than five.

But suddenly I am here, and I look up and start looking. You, looking at me, would say, "What is Brother duCille hearing?" I'm hearing something, but a sound is on a frequency that you cannot see. You cannot see a sound. You cannot smell a sound. So God gave you the sense of smell, so that you can smell something that you can not see and that you can not hear. I mentioned feeling already, but you can not feel a smell. You can not feel a sound. Do you know what we are talking about? God made you on different frequencies. You are living in several different worlds. You alone are living in several different worlds at the same time. All of those come together into one being,

and God calls it your heart, because in that heart you are going to think, you are going to feel, you are going to hear, you are going to see, and you are going to make a decision.

So now, where is Jesus coming from? Where is Jesus going? He is coming out of God, out of Heaven. I don't know if you understand what God did by sending Jesus. If God were to face you coming into this room, we would all be dead. His power and His glory is too much for the physical man - the body would melt away. I will give you an idea. Man has brought light to a purity that he calls a laser. A laser is just a beam of light that man has purified. Now, this light in the ceiling is full of darkness. There is more than 90% darkness in that light. That is the reason that we can stand it. If that was pure light, we would be all dead. So, do you understand where we are coming from now? God is therefore saying to us that He is coming to us, but He has to come through a channel where we can bear it.

The first man that came forth with the nature of God was called Seth. Now, from Seth, men began to call upon the name of the Lord. Tonight I heard you calling the name of the Lord, and as you called the name of the Lord in song, there was a certain energy that went forth in the Body. Now, those of you who were smart began to swallow it, supping on the energy, opening your hearts to God so that energy would come in.

Now, God is coming down from God down to here. He made Adam, and the seventh man from Adam was Enoch. Enoch got into a groove with God. I do not know if you will be able to understand this, but he got into a place with God where he began to walk with God. He began to call upon the name of Jehovah and he began to say, "Yahweh, come. Come to me!" Hear me now, brethren. God got into the man's mind, and God took charge of the man's mind so that his body became subject to his mind. I do not know if it is hard for you to understand this, but if you search the scriptures, you will find that some of the men of God got God into them so much that God would move them from one place to another without going through time and space.

We had one terrible time in coming here. The first plane that we were to take broke down. Something happened to the second one and they had to fix it. We spent six hours sitting down in the airport in Paris. We finally got a plane that brought us to Prague. Brethren, we don't have what Elijah had. If we had what Elijah had, we would have just moved off to Prague. Since it was the will of God, we would have been in the West Palm Beach airport, and all of a sudden we would have appeared in Prague. We would not travel through space like how Superman would fly. Space and time would give way to us and we would disappear from one place and appear in the other

place. Now, that is the power that God is putting into your body. The day will come when you will not need transportation. This is the power of the immortal life that God is putting into you.

So I am giving you a little idea. The man Enoch began to walk with God, and he was so absorbed into God that his wife... Remember, he was a natural man, he had a wife and he had children. But when he was 365 years old, he was the same age as the days of our solar year. A year is the time it takes to go around the sun one time. It carries a special meaning that on the day of his 365th birthday the man went into the heavens with his body.

I have had many fasts, like for 40 days, or for 21 days. You remember the time when I almost ate up the cow I was so hungry. After I had broken that fast, I felt like I had committed a crime. I started another fast immediately. I stopped eating immediately. I was praying on the floor, kneeling down before the bed to pray and I got into a groove! When I tell you about Enoch, I can understand a little idea of what happened to Enoch. I started to praise God, and brethren, it was like a bull bellowing. I was on the farm and the people used to hear when the bulls cried out. I was crying out, "Hallelujah!" People started gathering around the house. I was in my little house calling upon the name of God. I lost myself completely and couldn't come out of it. So for over an hour, I was bellowing, "Glory to God! Hallelujah!" Then my head began to hit something very hard. BOOM! "Hallelujah!" BOOM! "Hallelujah!" BOOM! "Hallelujah!" Hitting my head kind of brought me back to myself, and when I came back to myself, my forehead was hitting the ceiling. How I got up there I don't know, and how I got down I don't know. But the moment that I came to consciousness and got frightened that I was up on the ceiling, I was back on the floor.

I'm saying Enoch walked with God and Enoch was not because God took him (Genesis 5:24). That is what his wife must have said because nobody ever saw Enoch again. Now, I am saying this that you can understand that the coming of Jesus within the temple of the living God, which is your body and soul, is a process that is going on right NOW. When you do anything wrong now, or sin, you hinder the process. You set back God in you.

So, God made a righteous generation. From Seth, it came right down through Noah, through Abraham, through David to Jesus. Hallelujah! Do you see the process and the trouble that God went through to bring forth Mary? He wanted one little girl and it started from way up there with Enoch. This girl had a pure mind. She wanted God. Just a pure mind, a pure human being that wanted God. Through God's plan, He brought forth Mary.

So, God only made two men, you know? He made Adam and He made Jesus. He dipped into His bosom and He took a seed of man out of God Himself. He sent an

angel to Mary and Mary said, "Let it be done unto me, Lord" (Luke 1:38). I want you to understand how God works. YOU have to accept it! Mary had to accept the position that God had made her for. You remember that song that says, "I was born to be Thy dwelling place, a home for the presence of the Lord. So let my life now be consecrated unto Thee, that I might be what I was born to be." When Mary said, "Let it be done," the angel left. Do you know why? No angel could inseminate the woman. No preacher will give the seed of Christ to the bride. God Himself came. The Holy Ghost overshadowed her. The Bible didn't say that He put her to sleep like He put Adam to sleep, but into her womb He planted the Seed of the new-creation Man. Hallelujah! Hallelujah, brethren! Hallelujah! He planted the Seed of the new-creation Man into the womb of a woman, and it grew in her for nine months, and then she had a natural baby. Hallelujah!

What happened there, brethren, can you tell me? **GOD BECAME MAN!** All because He wanted to transport His glory and power from the heavens into the human being. Now, when you receive the power of the Holy Ghost, it won't kill you because He broke it down into a human seed, and Yeshua was born. Hallelujah! God in human flesh became the prototype of what you are becoming. God sent Jesus to become the prototype of what you are NOW becoming, because when you receive the Seed in you, the Seed is going to do the same thing in you that it did in Mary.

So God came down here, but as a man; therefore, there was a limitation. He had to come and fill this area of man (spirit/soul/body). As a living man, He could not fill the spirit/soul/body, so He said, "It is necessary for Me to go or the Comforter will not come" (John 16:7). It was necessary for Him to bleed and to die, in order to let loose in the human realm the power and energy of God which man could then take in without it destroying him. So He was crucified on Calvary.

Who crucified Jesus? Does anybody know? The Father crucified Him. All you see that they did to Jesus was caused by God. God did not charge the Roman soldier. He did not charge any but one man who got killed and went to hell for it. Why did Judas go to hell for it and the Roman centurion did not? Can you tell me why? It was because Judas received Jesus and then rejected Him. Brethren, do you know that no one, not even the worst man you see outside there, is going to go to hell unless he rejects

Jesus? This is pure gospel. When you are preaching to people on the street or anywhere, remember that man cannot go to hell unless he has heard of Jesus and rejected Him. It so happened then that God said, "His bishoprick shall be taken away," (Acts 1:20) and so he was sent to hell.

But the centurion who presided over the crucifixion of Jesus Christ had a revelation at the cross. "That," he said, "is the Son of God" (Luke 23:47). He saw Jesus. The thief on the cross never lived one day as a Christian but he

died as a Christian. "Remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom" (Luke 23:42). All of a sudden he had a revelation of the Kingdom. So many of the Christians now don't have a revelation of the Kingdom of God.

Remember, the scripture says that if you are born again of water, you will see the Kingdom (John 3:3). That means to

say that if you are born again by the Word of God, if you receive or accept the Word of God, you will see the Kingdom. But to enter into the Kingdom, you have to be born of the water and of the Spirit (John 3:5). Now, those are basic doctrines, basic gospel that you must have in order to preach to people everywhere.

Now, because Jesus had to go, He said, "I will send you another Comforter, even the Spirit of truth" (John 15:26). "He shall abide with you forever. He will lead you into all truth" (John 16:13).

Come, brethren, what is wrong, then, with our churches? Why is it that we have so many churches and everybody is preaching something else against the other? You answer me the question, but I'll tell you what I believe. They are not following the Holy Ghost. I guarantee any religion: if you are a Catholic and you begin to follow the Holy Ghost, He is going to lead you into TRUTH. No matter who you are - if you are a Methodist - I don't care who you are - **GOD IS GOING TO LEAD YOU TO THE TRUTH.**

So, don't go against people for what they are! If a man comes to you and says, "I am a Catholic and I love the Lord," say, "Amen, brother!" Begin to lead him into truth. By the time he gets into truth, he will look around and he will no longer be Catholic. He will walk out of Catholicism and he will go on after Jesus. So, don't bother about what people are today! You just bother about giving them the truth.

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When you are preaching to people on the street or anywhere, remember that man cannot go to hell unless he has heard of Jesus and rejected Him.

If a child is rebellious, rebels against his parents, is disobedient and doesn't want to hear his parents, all you have to do is to lead him to Jesus, lead her to Jesus. Begin to put Jesus on them, yes, and they will come.

You are the angel of the church of Czech, of Hungary, of Ukraine. You are the angel that God has anointed and appointed to be in that spot. Don't say, "I need to move out and go to Czech where the brethren are more lively." God planted you where you are; stay there until light breaks through.

Now, the whole job of the Holy Spirit, therefore, is to come into you and the way that the Holy Spirit is to come into you is Spirit to spirit. Spirit can't come into flesh. We were having meetings in one of the churches where I minister and God told us to let the brethren give their testimonies, to see where their beginnings were. One woman got up and said, "My testimony is that I was a sinner, and I went to bed one night, and I got up in the morning speaking in tongues." The worst sinner you could ever find is one who speaks in tongues. A sinner has no right to speak in tongues, because if a sinner speaks in tongues it means that he has an evil spirit.

The Holy Ghost can only come into you if you have the Blood of Jesus Christ in you. When the Blood was shed it gave forth a spiritual power for the blood is a spiritual force. You know, everybody's blood has an energy in it, a spiritual energy. The scientists take the blood and they put it under the infrared light and they see a pulsation in it, like something alive is in it. They wouldn't need the infrared machine if they read the Bible, because the Bible says, ***For the life of the flesh is in the blood*** (Leviticus 17:11). That is why He said, "Don't eat the animal with the blood" (Genesis 9:4). God doesn't want you to eat "animal life." Amen.

God, therefore, orchestrated things so that the Holy Ghost must come into you. The Holy Ghost coming into you is like the Spirit of God entering into the temple. The Spirit of God never entered into the tabernacle from the door. He never went through the door. He came into the Holy of Holies that has no door, and the glory would be over the Holy of Holies and they knew that God was in there.

Your spirit is your Holy of Holies. As a temple, you have three parts. You have a spirit, which is the Holy of Holies; you have a soul, which is the Holy Place; and you have a body, which is the Outer Court. God does not come upon your body and make you start manifesting in the Spirit before you get saved! The manifestation must come from the Holy of Holies inside. Praise God! God comes from the Holy of Holies and *then* He affects the body.

So then, when the soul receives the life of Jesus Christ,

the soul opens up to the spirit, and the Holy Ghost comes into the spirit, and then it affects the soul. That is what we call the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. When the Holy Ghost comes into the temple, first of all He takes hold of the tongue. Your tongue is the most destructive instrument on your body. When the Holy Ghost comes in, He takes hold of the tongue. You ask me, "Brother Cec, is that scriptural? Where is it in the scripture?" I will give you two scriptures.

Gideon had an army ready for battle. God said to Gideon, "I want the chosen few to fight. This army is too large for God to get any glory. I will choose the men; take them down to the water." Remember, the water is a type of the Word of God. They took them down to the water and some of the men began to make a manifestation that was not natural. They began to lap the water like a dog with their tongue. Do you think that they were doing it willfully? They couldn't help themselves. The Holy Ghost took charge of their tongues and made them start licking like a dog. He said, "Those who have the tongue manifestation, those are the ones, the chosen 300," and he chose them (Judges 7).

Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 28:11. ***For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.*** ¹²***To whom he said, This is the rest...*** In other words, he was saying that the people who are going to receive the Holy Ghost rest of God are the people who will come forth with a stammering lip and another tongue. Remember now, the Holy Ghost has a job to perform. His job is to plant Jesus Christ in the temple.

So far, you have received the Blood of Christ or the Life of Christ, but you have not yet received the Christ Himself. I want you to chew on that just a little. You have received the Blood of Christ, the Life of Christ, which is the Life of God. You are a Christian, but you have not received the Christ Himself.

So, Paul, speaking to the brethren, said, "I travail with you as Christians, that Christ might be formed in you" (Galatians 4:19). It is like how the baby was formed in the womb of Mary - YOUR SOUL IS THE WOMB OF THE CHURCH! Christ wants to reveal Himself to the world through you. So right now, you are pregnant, and you are going to have a baby, and that baby will be the new-creation man. Jesus Christ is to come forth from the womb of the church. That is different from telling you that you are going to be "raptured," to fly away and leave the world to the devil. This is my Father's land. I am not going to leave it to the devils. I want Heaven to come down through me - and then all around me will become Heaven. I want to save every human being in my country and around me. That is my "rapture." THEN I will be "raptured" out of duCille. Jesus Christ must come forth. The mind that I



have here must give way to the mind of Christ. I'll give you an idea.

None of you here, not even one of you, can willfully sin. Did you ever think of it? Can you plan that you are going to kill somebody and go out there and kill him? YOU CAN'T DO IT. But you could have done it before. You can't do it because no child of God can willfully sin. You are foolish, you fall into sin, you fall into trouble, you fall into problems, but you cannot willfully do it because the power of the Holy Ghost in your soul has restricted the power of sin. God says in His Word that it is God's will that no man should sin. He said, *And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous* (I John 2:1). That means, IF you sin, you are immediately delivered from sin by the Holy Ghost, for the sin that you fell into was already paid for. So the child of God cannot walk around with sin. It said that you can no longer dwell therein.

Therefore, we come back to these areas now. Jesus Christ wants to take hold of your mind. Where we are right now, if one of you brethren should get the fullness of Christ in your mind, all of us would turn on you and say you are crazy because you wouldn't be able to act like a human being any more. You would be acting like Christ Himself. So what is happening tonight is that Christ is coming in your mind.

Do you have Christ in your emotions? Have your emotions been completely taken by Christ? Can you still get mad? If I slap you hard enough, would you get mad? Can you still have inordinate affection? Can you still fall in love with somebody who you shouldn't fall in love with? Somebody else's wife or something like that? Then it tells you right away that Jesus Christ hasn't come there yet. You might have one foot inside. But the more you open to God, the more that God floods His glory into your earth.

The song service should be a time of praying. Did you know that? I remember what used to happen to me as a young Christian. I was in the depths of hell before Jesus saved me. I knew that I had to die and go to hell because it was just total sin and madness. Then Jesus suddenly came and saved me when I was at the point of death with the gun in my hand. So I went to church and they began to sing a song. I'll never forget this song and it always invigorates me. They would say, "I thank You, Jesus, I thank You, Lord, I thank You, Jesus, I thank You, Lord, for You

have brought me out a mighty, mighty long way, a mighty long way, I thank You, Jesus..." and I would get crazy. Do you know why it affected me so? Because the moment that I started to think of the "mighty, mighty long way," I thought of the pit of hell in which I had been; I thought of the gun; I thought of the knife; I thought of the machete; I thought of the destruction. I was a walking destroyer. I always walked with a long knife inside my pants and NOBODY would fool around with me. I couldn't help myself. I was a good person at heart; I wanted to be good, but I was lost. They had another song, "I was lost, but Jesus

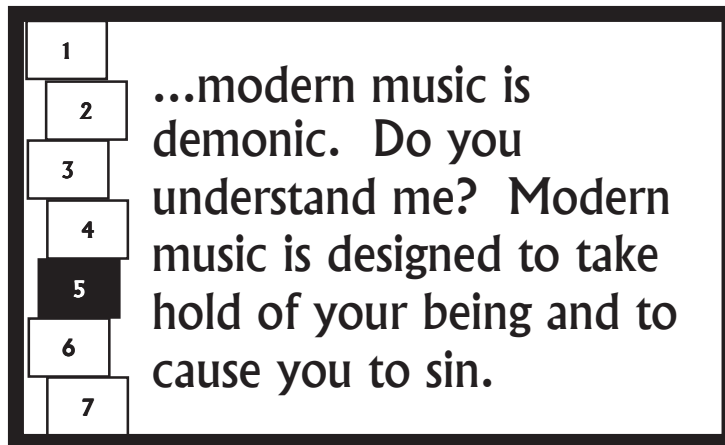
found me," and I would dance in the Spirit and jump over all these chairs in exaltation, great exaltation of joy, because while I was singing, I was saying, "Thank You, Jesus! Thank You, Jesus!" Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

So, brethren, you can see then what we are talking about - that Jesus Christ is coming in you. What you were last year, you are not

the same this year. Little by little He is changing me. Line upon line, He is changing me. Precept upon precept, until I am free. Jesus is changing me.

The temple is being built. You don't need to go to Jerusalem to build any more temples. The temple is being built in this Jerusalem. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I am talking about the overcomers. How will I overcome the demons that I inherited in my emotions? As I was telling you last night, brethren, there were seven of us boys and nobody would fight us. We were in the west end of the city where all the bad people lived, but nobody was going to challenge us. As long as I can remember, all seven of us never had to fight at one time. We would stand up and watch one or two destroy the enemy, and we stood there as a reserve. We are talking about demons in the human soul. We did not control our souls. The demons that came from France and Africa were in us, and we were manifesting the devils that we had inherited from our parents.

It is the same with you. But JESUS is taking over where the devils dwelt. JESUS is overcoming in my emotions! JESUS is overcoming in my mind! You know, the sister said that she continually hears the demons talking to her. The Spirit of God says, "Let her take the Word of God and begin to meditate upon it day and night." He said, *And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper* (Psalm 1:3). Praise God! And while we were praying for



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you and your wife, brother, God showed him a vision and he saw the two pastures coming together, and then a large, beautiful tree was in the midst. Yes, He said, *And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither.*

So then, what is happening is that we are going through a stage where the soul is being created as the dwelling place of God. Your emotions and your desires change and the beautiful part of it is that God is working on all of the areas at the same time. Do you remember the story that I told you this morning where the man took my cousin and put her feet on one chair and her head on another chair, suggested to her that she was a piece of board, she stiffened out, and he stood up on her? This is what God is talking about - if you give God your mind, nobody can hypnotize you. The music of the Beatles won't send you into a swoon, because modern music is demonic.

Do you understand me? Modern music is designed to take hold of your being and to cause you to sin. After they have listened to the modern music, they go out and fornicate. The music breaks down the ability in you to resist. I tell you what, I had been steeped in music as a young person, from as long as I can remember. As a young boy, I remember playing around with the music. Then I began to listen to classical music, and I thought classical music was the greatest thing in the world. But I found out that when I listened to a certain type of music that I was angry but when I listened to another type, I was restful.

My wife said to me one day, "Do you believe that that music is God?" I began to think about it. I used to particularly like certain tunes, like the Operetta from Marta, that Pavarotti would sing. "Marta, Marta, how thou art departed, and left my broken soul in love." I would hear that in my mind sometimes, and I would even enjoy listening to Pavarotti and those types of singers. And God came and said, "Stop it." In other words, I had reached the place of development that He could now tell me, "That classical music is no good." Every time it would come upon me, I would start singing something like, "Praise the Lord" and cut it out.

There are many things, brethren, that cannot be allowed up on this level - many things that we love. I won't expose myself any more to tell you some of the things that I used to love, but I know some of you love those things. Begin to drop them off and GOD will begin to lift you.

On the level where we are heading for now in God, He cannot allow anger. So, if you have anger in you at times, begin to hit it. A spirit is weakest when he is manifesting.

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When anger is manifested in you, it is the devil trying to take over your soul. Hit anger when you are angry. Come on, now. I am setting you up to kill the devil, right? Whenever you get angry, start repeating a scripture. Do you hear me? It is difficult, but do it. After you do it a little bit, the anger will go away. Praise be to God.

I haven't gone anywhere with that scripture I started with. So, I am asking you now to let us just summarize this. The Holy Ghost is working in

the soul and Christ must be born in here, in the soul. Christ must be born in the soul and the more Christ comes in, the more He pushes out the devil. Let me explain to you the way that God helps you, because he does it in a very peculiar way. If you have a devil of anger in you, God will send somebody with a devil of anger to hit you. If you overcome that anger devil and don't get angry, you are lifted one bracket higher in God.

Remember now, I told you the story of how we would fight. We loved fighting. I used to really love a good fight. After I was saved, I thought I was free, but I wasn't free. When I found out that I still had anger in me, I began to fast and pray. When God delivered me from anger, I did not know but He was going to prove it to me and he sent a young man who had the same spirit of anger to just barge into me and give me a blow. Now, in the old time, I would be very happy for a condition like that, to get the opportunity to beat him up. But now I started to pray, "Lord God, help me not to hit him." He was driving at me and driving at me! I was praying, "Oh God, help me not to hit him." Believe you me, all the science of fighting came back to me while he was there fighting. He gave me a left cross; it cut the flesh off my chest from one side to the other. When he lifted up his hand to give me the left cross, the devil said, "Right jab!" The answer to a left cross is a right jab, underneath the arm. When the devil said that, my hand jumped, and I said, "No! Jesus!"

I survived, and when I survived, I began to laugh. The joy of God came in me, and I just began to laugh. The women in the office said, "You idiot! Give it to him!" They wanted to see a good fight. They thought I was such an idiot to be laughing while this man was beating me. But do you know what happened? I never had the urge to fight ever again, from that day to this day. If a man came and started hitting me, I was just sorry for him. "Poor fellow!"

You have to overcome anger, because that is in the emotions. Any man who has anger in his emotions is emotionally unstable. His wife can tell you that. You get the hint? Hallelujah! God bless you, brethren.



It Brings Joy To My Soul



By Terry Smith

This song, many of you have noticed, is on the beginning of the 2007 Jamaica DVDs. It has been blessing my soul ever since I heard it. I wanted to share what the Lord gave me concerning this song to teach my little granddaughters this weekend. Sometimes the songs we sing need a bit of help for little ears to understand. It encourages them to want to sing with us if they can understand what we are singing.

First of all, where has Jesus come? "In us!" Colossians 1:27, *To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:*. When we tell them that Jesus has come, we are telling them that Jesus has come within us.

Who is the Comforter? "He is the Holy Spirit!" John 14:26, *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send*

in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. When we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we receive the Comforter from God in our spirits.

What is the fulness? "That is Christ within us!" Colossians 2:9, *For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the*

*Godhead bodily.*¹⁰ *And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:*

Now, of course you understand that I received various responses to these questions from their wonderful little minds.

Now we could all sing:



*You can tell the world
about this*



*You can tell the nations
about this*

Tell them Jesus has come

*Tell them that the
Comforter has come*

*Tell them that the fulness
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A Choice to Serve

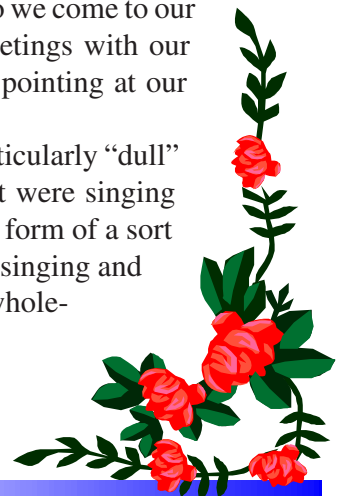
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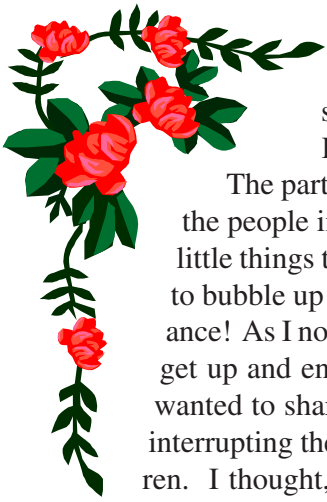
As meeting after meeting passes by and we diligently attend and participate, a peculiar question begins to take shape in my mind. Is there such a thing as a regular Sunday morning face and a convention meeting face? The reasons I am asking are simple. The answers could be a little more complex or varied.

I find myself attending all of our church meetings and see that, with slight variations, they are basically the same. One person opens the meeting with prayer and sometimes a scripture, we sing a few songs, then someone gets up and instructs the children. After that, it is time for the message to the congregation, then we have prayer requests and lastly, announcements. This is our pattern and it is quite comforting to follow it week after week after week. It is seldom that the Holy Ghost interrupts our schedule (or is able to interrupt?) with something out of the norm. Why is this so?

This leads me back to the first question, because I realize that convention meetings can be highly irregular when compared to regular meetings. For instance, the level of participation multiplies by a huge amount. My thoughts are that we, collectively, just do not anticipate God being in our midst during regular meetings, whereas we are sure He will attend our conventions. It can't be a conscious decision as much as a general attitude or mind set. It could also be that in our small group, we are not able to muster the strength or life of God within ourselves to bring our regular meetings up higher spiritually. When we gather as a large number of people, our strength and focus is so much greater that it seems so easy to get more of God out of the meetings. In addition to that, after we have had a few meetings, the anointing really begins to flow. My personal experience and what I see during our meetings leads me to ponder this situation and wonder, with some fear, what God thinks of our behavior on the every day level - whether we be hypocrites, spiritually lazy, foolish virgins, or what have you. The more time I spend thinking about this, the more I begin to think that the condition of our meetings and the face we wear when we come to them is really a consequence of what we are on the inside and what we have been doing during the times between meetings. I find that, for myself, the more busy I am with work and the less time I spend listening to God, teaching my kids about Him, singing and making melody in my heart unto Him, the harder it is for me to come into the meeting and participate. It is like I have built up a hard shell on the exterior of my heart which I have to break in order to allow the Spirit of God to move in and out through me. So, basically, I am being carnal. However, when convention time comes around, all thoughts and activities begin to point to those meetings. The homes get prepared, the clothes get prepared and there is fasting and prayer on the part of many. This must have a great impact on our hearts - and even extends to those who may not have prepared as much because the strength of God flows out to the others. Also, have you ever noticed what happens when there are more ministers in the meeting? The meeting definitely comes up a notch. This was pointed out to me just a little while ago, and upon retrospection, I can honestly say I have seen it happen. We could be struggling through the beginning of a meeting and everything could change for the better when more of the ministry joined us. Why? Well, it goes back to what I do with my time during the week. If I am being carnal, I bring that to the meeting. However, those who move in the ministry spend their time ministering to others, which takes time in the Word and prayer and meditating on the Lord. They come to the meeting and bring this spiritual strength with them. Imagine what life could be like if we all began to diligently apply ourselves in getting into God and out of our carnality? So, do we come to our regular meetings with our regular Sunday morning face and come to our convention meetings with our expectant, exhilarated convention face? I think the picture is becoming clearer, and it is pointing at our relationship with the Lord.

Quite some time ago, as I was struggling with a thought similar to this one, I was in a particularly "dull" meeting. The songs we were singing did not seem especially super-anointed, and we that were singing were not especially exuberant. I asked the Lord about it, and He gave me instruction in the form of a sort of visual aid. He showed me that it was like a burden was pressing down on us as we were singing and trying to open our hearts and enter into God's presence. If I would stand up and begin to wholeheartedly participate and lift my hands up unto the Lord, it was as if I could push the burden up off of myself and the other people in the meeting, and by so doing, make it easier for others to enter in. It was as if I could bring the meeting higher by individually participating with God during the singing. This may seem odd, but is very much like the story of Moses





raising his hands and Israel winning the battle as long as He kept them up. So, it makes sense that our physical behavior, when it mirrors what is going on in our hearts, can have a spiritual effect.

During our Sunday meeting this week (mid-June), I felt God encouraging me to do the same.

The participation in our meeting was rather low, we didn't have really strong singers up front to rally the people into participating and it felt very quiet indeed. As I began to participate, God began to speak little things to me through the words of the songs we sang. As He spoke, I was encouraged and joy began to bubble up inside of me – in a way where it was pushing to come out of me in laughter, smiles, exuberance! As I noticed that others did not seem to be enjoying the same ministration as I was, I thought I should get up and encourage the brethren to come up out of their chairs and receive their portion from God. I wanted to share what God was saying to me, but I remembered an admonishment we had received about interrupting the flow, so I followed the intimidating thought and did not go forward to encourage my brethren. I thought, "Well, maybe there will be a moment to do so after the singing and before the children's word." But there wasn't a space there either, so I passed the opportunity to help and exhort the others based on timidity and fear of interrupting the status quo, our "schedule."

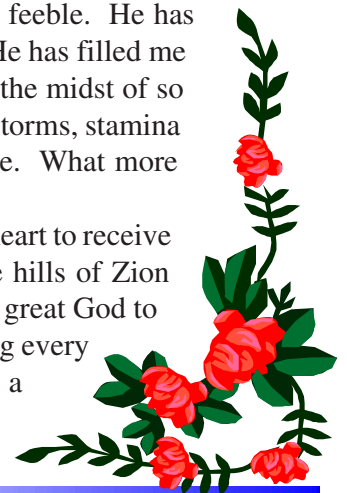
I wanted to share with them about our faces, and the difference between how they looked today and how they would look at the conference. We sang the song, "My Soul's Escaped Like a Bird Out of the Snare of the Fowler," and God spoke to me about the panic the bird feels when caught in a trap and unable to escape. In its panic, it produces a great flurry of effort in an attempt to escape, but to no avail. The bird will exhaust itself trying to escape, but will never be able to accomplish the feat on its own. This is us, while in the hand of the devil, because of being born in sin. Yet, the song goes on to say that the snare is broken and we are escaped, our help is in the name of the Lord. In the midst of the bird's panic stricken, agonizing attempts to be freed, Jesus Christ comes and cuts the rope that ensnared it. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us! Imagine the bird's freedom, relief, joy, exuberance and thankfulness to the one who released it! And yet, we sing in a lackluster manner – as if it was no big deal, the stakes weren't that high – only death was on the line! This is the great God we serve! He is the one who has broken the snare of our souls! We no longer have to die – no longer are we struggling to escape while knowing that the hunter of our soul is coming to take our very lives.

After singing that song, we moved on to the song, "The Name of the Lord is a Strong Tower." It was wonderful that this song followed the previous song, because where else will the righteous man run after his soul escapes from the fowler? That converted and overcoming soul must run for safety in the strong tower of God. The closer we get to God, the greater the level of safety, and we can then be found hiding under His wings. From that place of running into our strong tower, God, what will we begin to do? Sing praises unto our God! So we sang, "Bless the Lord oh my Soul - for He has done Great Things." How we keep our first love for the one who has released us from the snare of the fowler is by remembering all the wonderful things He has done. I can't tell you how helpful that has been in my life. Each time I get feeling low, I can begin to meditate on my testimony and how God has cared for me along each step of life.

He has done marvelous things and has been so powerful in my life! If that is not enough, I know the testimonies of a hundred other people! He brought me out of the world and into His Kingdom and while I was yet in the world, kept me from damaging myself in so many ways. He has taken me through a dangerous situation after childbirth and protected my children in numerous accidents. He has given me strength, protection, guidance and deliverance through a divorce that I did not want. He comforted me through a miscarriage and delivered my son from bondage.

He has lifted my hands when they were weak and strengthened my knees when they were feeble. He has provided parents who love the Lord and friends and relatives who care about my welfare. He has filled me with strength and the authority to raise two young boys. He has kept me joined to Him in the midst of so many of my friends and relatives turning away from God. He's given peace in the midst of storms, stamina in times of fatigue, joy in the midst of hard times, provision when I was unable to provide. What more could I ask for? Who could be greater than this our Yahweh?

So it is that we gather and sing unto Him. He spoke to me in each song and warmed my heart to receive His Word. We have been called to examine our hearts and repent that we may climb the hills of Zion instead of running around the base of the hill, thinking we are doing all right. Our God is a great God to serve. Conferences should be like icing on the already scrumptious cake we have been eating every week. I hope that for myself and any others that have had this experience, there can be a strengthening of our constitution, that we can enjoy God and press into Him every day of the year - including convention time!



Drink Deeply

Mavis M. duCille - January 7th, 2007 - Jamaica Conference

*Love grew where the Blood fell
Flowers of hope sprang up for man in misery
Sin died where the Blood fell
I'm so glad His precious Blood covers me*

I like to say, "His precious Blood **covers** me." Hallelujah! Amen. Although the Blood came from the cross so many years ago, it covers me, it covers you, and it will continue to cover. There is a little song that is sung, I think in the Church of God, that says, "The Blood shall never lose its power, till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more." So the purpose of the Blood is to deliver men from sin, from the first to the last sin. Hallelujah!

We thank God. I am just led of God to give you some experiences that we have had. I will start from when we came to this place. The first few nights we had real battles with demonic forces. There was little sleep, but there was much prayer - interceding through the Blood of Jesus. I do not know exactly where to begin, but I feel that I should speak about the encounter with the Blood. When demonic forces attacked and there was a battle royal, within the midst of it I said, "Well, the Blood of Jesus is against you." The reply to me was, "Why don't you plead the Blood?" And the reply of the Holy Spirit was, "NO! NOT SO! **THE BLOOD PREVAILS!**" It is not a matter of just pleading the Blood. There is a difference - that the Blood prevails. They can't get around the Blood. They can't get over it. They can't get under it. The Blood prevails! Hallelujah! We thank God that the Blood prevails. That was great enlightenment to me, because I used to think that when you said, "The Blood of Jesus," the demons flee. But I had an experience after that, that told me it is not so.

The Lord started to instruct me. I had a lesson on wisdom, knowledge, and understanding that was in the spirit. It was like a lot of the things that I understood was during that exercise in the spirit. When I came out of it and I started to think about what this thing is all about, the Spirit of the Lord said to me, "Drink deeply." He said, "You must drink deeply." I understood partially, but I understand more and more each day.

We can know the Word and hear the Word. Unless we drink deeply in the Word, we never understand fully what the Word says. More than that, it is never applied. The Word can be here and you have an understanding, but until it is applied and becomes life, becomes walking truth, living truth, truth that can be applied to any force of evil. That is why just to say, "I rebuke you by the Blood of Jesus," was not enough. He said, "The Blood prevails against you, demon, and will always prevail against you, and there is nothing, nothing that you can introduce that can counteract the Blood that prevails." So it has to prevail in all that you say, it has to prevail in your life; it has to prevail in everything that you do, every part of your life.

The other day the scripture came to me in Psalm 1:1-2, ***Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ²But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*** His delight, not just his knowledge, not just what he knows and can say! ***...his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*** Now, if we are meditating on a thing day and night, what space do we have for anything else? It is in our walking, our talking, our sleeping and our waking - in every facet of our life. That is what the Lord wants us to do - to hold our hearts so that there would be no place for sin or unrighteousness. Sin will be out of the question in our lives, and we will be totally lost in Him. Hallelujah!

So the Lord has been taking me through an exercise and showing me that He gives us words, but the Bible is a dead book unless it is revealed by the Spirit. Can we think of that a little bit? It is a dead book until it is revealed by the Spirit. When it is revealed by the Spirit, it becomes life. It becomes life, and that is where the law of life in Christ Jesus is making us free from the law of sin, or is supposed to make us free (Romans 8:2).

Now, that is a piece of knowledge that the Lord stirred in my heart. He says, "It is not what you hear or what you see or what you believe is life" - it is what the Lord transfers from this Word into your heart, into your being, that is the life. We can know a lot of scriptures, we can receive a lot of scriptures, we can do a lot of miracles, BUT it is what is made life that is important. It is the law of life in Christ Jesus that is going to make us free from the law of sin and death.

So, the things I would, I do not and the things I would not, that I do (Romans 7:15-25). The writer discovered that there is a law in his members that is keeping him from the things that he would do, and bringing him under subjection to the things that he would not do. Sometimes we would think of that as something that we could imitate, something that is a truth to us, but he did not stop there. He said, "But I thank God that the life that I now live..." The life I now live... After you have heard of the power of the Blood, of the working of the Spirit, and all the things that you hear of, you begin to examine your life. The life I now live, I live by the grace of God (Galatians 2:20).

So it is no more that I am bound by the things that I would do and have no power to do them, or bound by the things that I would not do and that is what I have power to do. He said, "I thank God that the life that I now live," - that is the important thing. What is the life that you are now living, after you have been in the church, been under the Word, you have heard a lot of the Word, seen a lot of miracles? Can you say, "The life that I now live"? That is the important thing, because all that [the physical] will pass away - but what has been worked in your heart and been life to you, is the important thing. So that, when you walk down the street, when you walk among the brethren, when you interact with the brethren, they are seeing the life of Christ.

The Word says that we must love one another. What is love? Love is God. Love is not that thing that we draw about, carry about, huggy-huggy and feelings. Love is God. If I am to impart anything to you, it is that love is God, and it has no sin in it, it has no unrighteousness in it. ALL unrighteousness is sin, but love has nothing carnal in it. The love of God is our responsibility to pass around to the brethren. Hallelujah! Amen. It is pure and undefiled. It has no darkness in it. It is all light. It is all LIGHT. So anything, anything that you manifest or you share with your brethren, and it is not bringing life and light, it is darkness, it is not God, it is not righteousness. Hallelujah! And God will not bless that relationship; He will not crown that relationship. Whatever we do, it must be to the glory of God. Amen. Amen.

I said the other day that there is a Word for every situation in our lives. There is a Word for the mother in the home and in the church. There is a Word for the father. There is a Word for the children. There is a Word for the husband. I heard, I think it was Brother Craig who touched on it, that husbands ought to love their wives as Christ loved the church, and gave Himself for it (Ephesians 5:25). It even goes on to say, "What man does not love himself?" (Ephesians 5:29). You want the best for yourself. You want to impart the best to yourself. Well, the Word of the Lord says, "So ought you to love your wives." If you love your wives like that, you have no place for anything else that does not edify the Body of Christ or glorifies God.

All of your relationships one with another should be pure and holy and undefiled. There should be no space for darkness or dark deeds. Amen. The brothers should be diligent and take care to protect the sisters from the evil one, instead of trying to impart evil. Sometimes in the experience that we have had in churches, and afterwards, you see how this church is torn up and broken up, and that person in whom you had good hope has gone away from his steadfastness and the righteousness that is in Christ. You wonder, where was that space for unrighteousness? We all drank of the same Rock that followed us, so where is the space for unrighteousness? (I Corinthians 10:4).

When the servants asked the householder, "We sowed good seeds. I am sure we sowed good seeds. Where did the tares come from?" (Matthew 13:24-30). The reply was, "While men slept..." While men slept, you took your eyes off Jesus. You took your eyes off holiness. You took your eyes off righteousness, and you were tricked by the devil to enter - as the Word says, "Eve was deceived" (I Timothy 2:14).

There is much deception, but God has provided a way of escape for every temptation. There

is no temptation that is common to man, that He has not provided a way of escape (I Corinthians 10:13). So, **do we have any excuse?** What is the excuse for all this darkness to come upon the church, age in and age out, unto this time when we are climbing, or we are supposed to be climbing out of the darkness into this marvelous light! When God has given us revelations that are far beyond what had been in times past! He is enlightening us. So, where is the space? Because we are not watching, we allow - He said, "While men slept, the evil one came in and sowed the tares." **So, let us not sleep!** Let us be watchful, watchful for ourselves, watchful for our family. The husband has a responsibility to his wife, and it is right there in the Word, if we read the Word carefully! But we are spending time in looking out miracles, in searching out the things that glitter, and leaving undone the condition of our soul, and the responsibility of walking in righteousness.

There should be no safer place for the children, for the young men, for the young women, for the old and for the middle-aged than the church. But the devil is not sparing the flock. We ought to just consider where we are, and how we have handled that which the Lord has blessed us with, in the Word and in the Spirit. See what we have done and what we are doing with it. We need to see if we are working with the evil one and sowing evil seeds among the wheat, and causing destruction. Let us examine ourselves and see what we are doing with the privileges that the Lord has given us, the blessings that the Lord has given us. Are we turning the blessing into a curse? Or are we multiplying and cradling and cuddling the blessing so that it will multiply, bring forth and glorify God?

WHEN WE COME TOGETHER, THERE SHOULD BE ONE DESIRE, ONE AIM, ONE FOCUS: TO GLORIFY GOD. The Lord showed me that unless we drink deeply, we have no hope. Shallow drinking will not overcome the enemy and will not build strength in us. We must drink deeply. The Word of the Lord has height, it has depth and it has width. If we are satisfied with just what is on the surface - as long as it will bring miracles and so on - we are going the wrong way. We are barking up the wrong tree, and we will remain impoverished. But if we drink deeply - the Word says knowledge. He did not stop at knowledge and wisdom (Proverbs 2:6, 9:10). There is a whole message there on knowledge that is not just knowing, knowing, knowing. We are a people who love to know and to boast of our knowledge of what we know, BUT it needs to be balanced by wisdom and crowned by understanding (Proverbs 14:18, Job 28:28). That is the final thing. If you have knowledge and you have wisdom, and you do not have understanding - spiritual understanding, the understanding that the Spirit gives - **you have nothing**. It is like an empty shell. It will soon run out.

But when the Lord brings forth a Word, and you are able to look into the Word by the Spirit, and you can see the depth, the height, the width and every area of that Word, until it becomes flesh to you, then you can walk in it. Then it becomes a walking, talking entity among the people of God. Not just the knowledge of knowing this or knowing that - that is the least of it, but that is what the enemy puts before us - the knowledge. God wants us to have a knowledge, a knowledge that is a knowing and a knowing. It is a knowing that you can walk in, that you can talk in. If you should be confronted by the enemy, it speaks forth. Or, if there is a decision to be made, it speaks forth.

That is where the Lord is taking us. We are a body, not because we have many people, but we are a Body because God can do His will within us. We are willing members of the Body and He can manifest Himself through us any time of day or night and we will be ready. We will not be asleep and let the enemy sow evil seeds.

So, that is what the Lord has been showing me, and He said, "Drink deeply!" That was a warning that I had from the Spirit. "Drink deeply! Drink deeply!" If you do not drink deeply you will have no sustenance. There will be nothing to sustain you. There will be nothing to cover you. You see, the song says that we are covered by the Blood. But there is a deeper covering that the Lord is moving us into, that when we say, "The Blood prevails," it prevails in every section of our lives. It prevails at home, it prevails in our relationship with the brethren, it prevails in every thing that we do. The Blood must prevail,

and the Spirit of the Lord must be present in everything, because He will cleanse and He will deliver.

Have you ever been in a situation where you are about to say something and you are held? You can not say it. You are held, and when you look into it, you find out that if you had spoken then and there, you would have said the wrong thing. So, He preserves us. He saves us to the uttermost (Hebrews 7:25), and that is what we are striving for. We may as well not gather together if the Spirit and the Word are not doing the perfect work in us, to bring us into conformity with His will, that the things that we would not do, we do not do and the things that we would do, we do. The things that we should do, we do.

He said that he thanked God for the working of the Spirit in his life (Romans 7:25). Hallelujah! God had brought him to a truth: that he was no longer his own, to do what he liked (Galatians 2:20), but that God had a shield over him. God had a mandate for him and he had to walk the straight road. And if that were so at that time, it is the more now.

He said the people under Moses suffered at the hand of God, so how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall the people be found worthy of who had the Word, the power of the Blood and the anointing of the Spirit (Hebrews 10:28-29)? What is greater? **Is it not greater that is expected of us?** If God dealt with the people who came through the law the way that He dealt, what will He do with us? Do you think He is going to say, "You are my pet lambs"? Come on, because you have spoken in tongues, and you have done this, and you have done - NO! ***Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people*** (Proverbs 14:34). Therefore there are two ways before us: Doing the will of God, walking the straight and narrow, or having our own way, turning aside and being a prey or an emissary of darkness for the will of the enemy.

I promised, when I first came, to speak on certain things. I believe that the Lord is going to bring it forth. If He does not speak to me, I will keep my mouth shut. But I am sure that this message is number one on His agenda because we have no more time. Time has run out, and we cannot play church any more. Something that we must always think about is that all the churches that have turned aside started like this. Most of them started like this. They started with the Word, with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with revelation, with signs following, and all that, BUT, "While men slept" (Matthew 13:25). While men slept. LET US NOT SLEEP AS DO OTHERS! But let us be wide awake! Let us be wide awake. I have noticed a weakness among the young people. They are not disposed to learning correction or anything that would help them. They rebel, and I hear the question, "Where are the mothers in the church?" If you have a child in your home and the child refuses to take the counsel that you give, what are you going to do? Are you going to leave them in the hands of the Lord and hope that one day they will come to their senses and realize that they need the counsel of their parents?

Young people, you need the counsel of the older ones. If you want to rebel, then you give your life to the devil, and let him trample you under foot, because God does not have any wild oats. Whatever comes under God has to come under the power of the Blood, the influence of the Spirit, and the leadership of those whom God has set in the church. So, if you think that you are in the church, if you believe that you are in the church, and you cannot take counsel, advice, or a word (whatever you call it), from those who are put in the church, then you have not aligned yourself with the church. You are still under the influence of the world. The same way that you behave in the world, you believe that you can behave in the church, and you think that God will not see it, that God will pardon you because He loves the sinner, but He hates sin. We must always remember that God loves the sinner. Jesus died for the sinner, but He hates the sin, and He will not ask your pardon if He has to allow you to go to hell, because that is where you are working for.

Let us be careful. We are in perilous times, and the end is at hand. The end is at hand. And ***whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap*** (Galatians 6:7). If you sow to the flesh, you will reap corruption. If you sow to the Spirit, you will reap life everlasting (Galatians 6:8). **SOW TO THE SPIRIT AND DRINK DEEPLY!** Drink deeply of the Word of the Lord, the living Word of God. Hallelujah! Because that is our life. Amen. Amen.

KIDS' CHRONICLES

Sunday Church
June 25th, 2007
By Caleb Trotter

Uncle Charles opened the meeting and we sang a couple of songs. Aunt Stacy did the children's word. It was about strife and what it meant. Mrs. Davis' word was about multiplying our talents. I want to multiply my talents and not strive. I learned that we shouldn't be like the man who buried his talent and if you like striving, that you like evil.

Mrs. Davis told some encouraging stories. One of the stories Mrs. Davis brought was about Mr. and Mrs. Kluson. They were on a plane that would take them from Ukraine to Frankfurt, Germany. Then they had to catch another plane to Czech. They were running to catch the plane. They saw a man running very fast to catch the plane. They missed the plane and told the German authorities, but the authorities said one man made it. I think we should be like the man who was running very fast.

My Basketball Camp Experience
June 25th, 2007
By Isaac Trotter

Last week I went to basketball camp. The first two mornings were fun and I learned a lot. On the third day, my group was going to do three on three. So I went and the boys who were on my team didn't want me playing and wanted me off the team, but the coach there said that I was going to play. When I went to play, the boys would not pass to me and would yell at me if I went to get a rebound. After camp was over that day, I wasn't very happy and I talked to Mom about it. Mom said that she was watching and said that I was not going in and trying to get all the rebounds. She also told me that if they won't pass to you, be the best defender you can be. Mom told me that I needed to overcome the bully spirit and not ditch people because I don't want people to feel the way I felt at basketball camp. Also, Mr. Unzicker talked to me.

The next day was the last day of camp, so they were going to have games. They let us have a free shoot before we started the games and the same boys that were in my group were trying to get teams set up for a game. I went over there, but they ignored me and I looked up to Mom, who was in the stands, and she said to go somewhere else. So I did.

Then, we were going to have a knock-out tournament where they have ten groups of kids with about 12 kids per group. The winner of each group would go to the middle and they would have a championship knock-out game. I won in my group and got down to the final ten kids. Then I got down to the final two. Then the coach said, "Whoever thinks Isaac is going to win, go on one side and whoever thinks Tom is going to win, go on the other side." Well, I only had 15 people on my side while Tom had a hundred or so. I won and they gave me a gold medal!

Then they were going to have four on four (with the same kids from the day before) and I was getting the ball passed to me and I scored some points! I talked to Mom and she said that it was God that helped me win the knock-out tournament and earn the respect of the other boys. So, I want to tell everyone that God will help you in anything from winning a knock-out tournament to getting into the Holy of Holies. The End



I was blessed very much by the song that this convention opened with – Love Grew Where the Blood Fell. If there is one thing that God has been speaking to me in the past 9 months or so, it has been about His love.

Nine months ago I miscarried a long awaited and hoped for baby. Even my little girls, aged 3 and 5, had been asking and praying for a baby for our family, so when I finally became pregnant again, we were all ecstatic and really give all the credit to the Lord (where it belongs anyway!). But that also meant, when the baby died, we were almost equally devastated, no one of us more so than myself.

In the months following, I struggled greatly with my faith/trust in the Lord. I was moping around one day and I got a phone call. As I talked to the caller, I ended up telling them how I had asked for a baby, and God had given us a dead baby - how could I trust a god like that? “No, no,” they had gently replied. “God gives good gifts, so you have to think it was a good thing that He took the baby home.”

I was still struggling with depression some time later when my husband so delicately told me I was behaving like a “spoiled brat.” Trust me when I say I wasn’t spoiled as a child, so to have him say this to me was a bit of a shocker. I didn’t argue with him; I just thought about what he’d said for a while...and then came to the conclusion that he was right. I was behaving like a spoiled brat - I was having a little internal tantrum and throwing a fit because I hadn’t gotten what I had wanted. I was going to punish God with my depression and bad attitude until He gave

me the baby I wanted so much.

As the conviction came over me that I really *had been* behaving badly, I cried out to the Lord and asked Him to change me, to fix me, to tell me what to do to keep me from being like this anymore, and I heard, ***take upon you my yoke, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*** What does that mean?, I thought. He answered, ***I am meek and lowly of heart...***

I went to the Bible and began to search out the scriptures that I had heard in my heart. Matthew 11:28, ***Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*** ²⁹***Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*** ³⁰***For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*** I looked up what it meant to be meek - *gentle, i.e. humble*, and what it meant to be lowly - *base, cast down, humble, of low degree (estate)*. One of the commentaries in the computer Bible program was open, so I read the commentary on these verses, and what it said about verse 30 so struck me. ***For my yoke is easy... My Gospel imposes nothing that is difficult; on the contrary, it provides for the complete removal of all that which oppresses and renders man miserable, viz. sin. The commandments of Christ are not grievous. Hear the whole: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbour as thyself. Can any thing be more congenial to the nature of man than love?-such a love as is inspired by God, and in which the soul rests supremely satisfied and infinitely happy? Taste, and know, by experience, how good the Lord is, and how worthy his yoke is to be taken, borne, and***

loved. This most tender invitation of the compassionate Jesus is sufficient to inspire the most diffident soul with confidence. I found myself asking the Lord, "But, God, WHAT is Your yoke? Is it LOVE?"

What is Love? is a question I have asked myself many times since my marriage. I find myself so lacking in it most of the time, and I am often going back to I Corinthians 13 to remind myself how I should be behaving toward my husband. As I went into this chapter again, I found myself thinking, not only about what love IS, but also about what love is NOT.

Love is...

The fulfilling of the law (Romans 13:10)
Patient – having the quality of enduring evils without murmuring or fretfulness; not easily provoked; NOT REVENGEFUL; calmly diligent
Kind
Bearing all things (covering in kindness all things)
Having faith in the one loved
Hoping all things (expecting all things)
Enduring all things (undergoing all things)
Rejoicing in the truth

Love is NOT...

Driven out of it's course
Not boastful and proud – not self-glorifying (it IS humble and modest)
Not envious - (it IS contented; undesirous and fulfilled)
Not unbecoming in behavior – (it IS becoming, fitting, proper)
Not selfish – (it IS selfless)
Not easily stirred up – (it KEEPS CALM)
Thinking evil (injurious or harmful things)...

As I was studying and thinking about Love, I began to feel a little bit of what God must feel toward us. His love for us is so very TENDER, so extremely GENTLE, so incredibly KIND, so MASSIVE that the whole depths of it can't be found. His very heart so yearns toward us, to hold us and comfort and care for us...and to have us WANT Him to do and feel this way for us, and to respond to Him in the same way... As I thought about love, I began to think about all the things that God has done for me over the years, and I was aware how every single thing was done because of this intense LOVE He has - for me. I thought about the things that hurt me, but I was aware that, at times, we seem terrible to our children, but we are motivated out of our LOVE for them to do the things that seem terrible, and it is the same with God. I began to feel like God was gently, tenderly wooing me back into trusting and loving Him, and thinking right about Him. And having a glimpse of HIS love makes me really want to leave aside all the heavy things that I carry, the things I don't understand, and just trust Him, love Him back, and know that all the things that happen to me are for my good.



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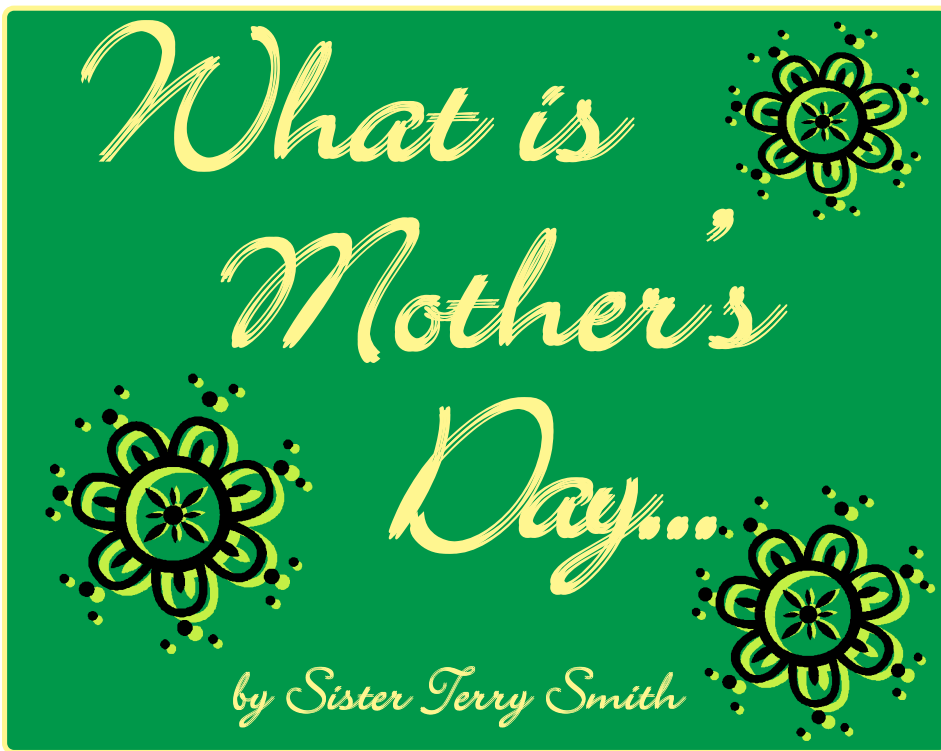
***Tell them Jesus has come
Tell them that the
Comforter has come
Tell them that the fulness has
come***

But what does it mean to bring joy to my soul? If the joy of the Lord in my strength (Nehemiah 8:10), and if a merry heart doeth good like a medicine (Proverbs 17:22), then this bringing "joy to my soul" must be a very good thing for us. Right?

Well, one of my little granddaughters had sniffles before we began singing chorus after chorus of this song, and she never even needed a Kleenex the rest of her visit with us. That

"joy in her soul" truly "doeth good like a medicine" in her little being. We had the most blessed time together in the Lord.

Remember to think about the words you say/sing/pray. There is truly LIFE in them. Sometimes we just need to turn our minds a moment to begin to think about what the words mean in the Lord, along with the scriptures we have learned, and then - if we allow it - it will flow like a river to bless our souls. John 7:38, ***He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*** Psalms 19:14, ***Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*** ☺



What is Mother's Day? Do you know? Where did it come from? Have you checked out its origin? Is it really as nice as it seems? America has done a grand job of nicening up a lot of devilishness. Is Mother's Day another cover-up that needs to be loosed by the Blood of Jesus Christ?

In searching the origin or the history of Mother's Day, I found out some new facts mixed with some known facts. Isn't that just like Babylon - mixing things together and trying to make them look nice? Well, this holiday is no exception, and I am going to share with you what I found out concerning it, along with a bit more. Don't you just love when the Holy Spirit puts these questions in our hearts and on our minds? I really do love the way that the Lord leads us. I also love how He answers many questions before we get them out of our mouths. "Bu je dobry!" (Czech for "God is good!")

Mother's Day is actually the worship of Rhea. Who is Rhea? She is none other than Nimrod's mother/wife. Imagine that! She wanted to be deified and raised as high or higher than her son, so she declared this worship of herself as the "mother of God," and as the "queen of heaven," making herself the mediator to God for the people. This sounds really Catholic because they incorporated it into Catholicism. She wanted to be the highest, most powerful one. She even wanted to outshine her son. This would be the "type" for an anti-christ's mother/wife. Now Rhea, Isis, Ishtar, Cybele, whatever she was being called for whatever reason, made a big statue of herself for all the people to see her beauty and she was, of course, holding her baby, which had little or no features. The baby was not the important thing - SHE was. Our brother, Jeremiah, knew all about this worship and tells us it provokes God to anger (Jeremiah 7:18).

The scripture, "esteeming others better than yourself" (Philippians 2:3) comes to mind, which we are being taught to become. This whole thing is so opposite of what the Lord is teaching us. Think of a "type" in the converse concerning these things. We have been taught "type" of the woman and "type" of the "manchild," well, these are a "type" of the anti-christ that is in our midst and we need to be loosed from them.

Now, when I found out that Mother's Day was really an unholy celebration

in the eyes of the Lord, what did I have to do to get loosed from it? First, I had to go to the Lord and repent for years of participation in something He had not ordained. Whew! I always feel so much better when I get things straightened out before the Lord. Repentance is such a blessing. It truly is a gift from God.

Then I talked to my husband. Well, he didn't care, because I wasn't his mother anyway. He is so cute. I praise the Lord that he is in agreement with what the Lord puts on my heart and teaches me!

Then I called my two children and shared it with them. They were actually glad to be loosed from the bondage of that obligation. They were set free! Free in Christ is free indeed (John 8:36).

Then I had one more person to share it all with, my mom. You know, when I shared it with my mom and dad, they didn't care at all. The love of God precedes all such man-made holidays. It was now just like Christmas - we are now loosed from its obligations and duties and expectations. Love prevails! And do you know that it is so much nicer to just give something to somebody for no reason? We are set free in Christ to be free indeed (Romans 8:2).

Okay, so another holiday has been uncovered and repented of and corrected with all the necessary people involved with it. That leads me to my next question. **What does God think about Father's Day?** Where did Father's Day originate? If you already know this, then you are very blessed. I did not, but after finding out about Mother's Day, it was the next logical step. They kind of go hand in hand, don't they? We are being set free in Christ to be free indeed (Galatians 5:1).

Logically, I had already decided that if Mother's day was Nimrod's mother/wife's holiday, that Father's day was probably Nimrod's or his father's day of worship. Sounds pretty

good, right? Well, it really is true. Mother's day is the worship of the "queen of heaven" or the "mother of the gods," or whatever else this devil is called. Each culture had a slightly different version. It probably came from the tower of Babel and the confounding of the languages. They each took their worship with their confounded language and varied it according to their memory and liking.

Well, Father's Day was originally the worship of Zeus, the "king of gods," or the "father of gods," or again, whatever their memory and liking was. Then, because Catholicism wanted that worship too, they (coincidentally) began to celebrate it on St. Joseph's Day, and took on all the pagan worshippers as Catholics.

So the mother of Babylon, or Isis, Rhea, Cybele, becomes the Catholic "Mary," "mother of their god." And the father of Babylon, or the first anti-Christ, Nimrod, becomes the "father of their god." You know, that is really crazy, because they teach that Mary was immaculately conceived, so how did they ever get those people to worship Nimrod as Joseph, who really wasn't Jesus' father? If you really look at these things, they have cracks and wrinkles that can be found by someone that is not steeped in them. It must have had something to do with encouraging some other deception. Enough of my personal opinion. If I seem quite unafraid of rebuking Catholicism, it is because I came out of Catholicism.

Another interesting item that I found out while I was looking for a simple way of sharing this with you was a note about the Catholic symbols. It seems that the Catholics have many "Mary" symbols that are used in witch worship to call to the demons of Cybele or Isis and probably many others. I didn't look to see more about that - that would not have been expedient, but it does tell us again to be careful what possessions we have around our homes and in our belongings. These things are real. They are

not just make believe, and just because we feel that we are Jesus Christ's, does not mean that we can become careless, because many thousands were killed in the wilderness for their carelessness and their lack of seriousness concerning idol worship and idol possessions. Wasn't Abner killed because his sword was in his sheath? (II Samuel 3:33). He was unprepared. He was not watching over his own soul. He died naturally to teach us a spiritual principle.

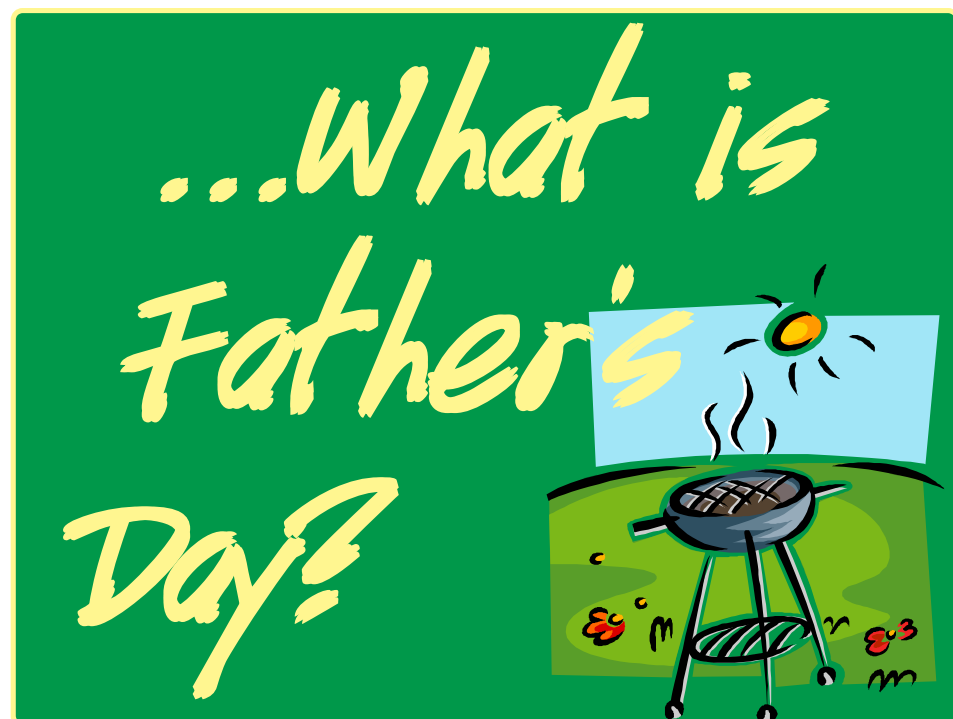
Our Bible tells us that even in the apostle's day they had times of purging possessions, without consideration of the value of the ungodly items (Acts 19:19). Brethren, be careful what you possess. Just as participation in holidays can be ignored or taken as innocent fun - devils don't care whether we believe they are being worshipped or not. They are thieves and robbers and will use our disobedience or our ignorance to rob us of life whether we give them permission or not.

Personally, if I find out it is of the devil and not pleasing to God, I don't want to partake of it any more. If it is hard to let go of, I just ask God to help me, because He can change my heart and give me His eyes and His heart, and His mind concerning whatever it is that I am trying to turn from. When we are trying to turn from something that is not God, He desires our turning more than we do and He is always there to help us more than we can imagine, no matter what it is. He will always provide us a way of escape out of sin and into righteousness (II Corinthians 10:13).

Brethren, these are just two more holidays being uncovered, or to those of you who knew this, they are being refreshed to you. I wasn't going to say anything about this, as I thought all of my brothers and sisters knew this already, but when I found out that some do not, I decided to go ahead and write this. If anyone needs further articles, I have several of them archived, because it seems that they do disappear after a time, if they are really good. Our brother, Henry Gruver, warned us at a July conference several years ago that this does happen. We also have *The Two Babylons* we can use to help us.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready (Revelation 19:7).

May God help us iron out our wrinkles with repentance and wash off our spots in His Love, as we prepare for His fulness in His temple.





God is

By Mr. Burt Asbill
Prague, Czech Republic
September 2006

Measuring

His Church

Judgment also will lay to the line,
and righteousness to the plummet. Isaiah 28:17

I want to bring you greetings, first and foremost, from my wife. There are many of you that she wanted to write a little note to, but unfortunately, there wasn't any time. We are trying our best to redeem the time, but I find that no matter how hard we work, there are still just 24 hours in a day and we do have to use some of that time to sleep and to rest, but not much of it! So, I bring you greetings and love from her. She wanted to be here, but as a good soldier, she is on the front-line, holding the trench and doing the will of God.

There are three other people who really wanted to be here, also. I think that my coming made it even more difficult for them to stay. Brother Oliver, Sister Bibi and Sister Ada said different names of different people, but I am just going to take care of all of it right here. They send warm salutations, and they love you all, and they wish they could be here. I want to tell

you that they have been a blessing to us, as also have those that have come from Czech and other places. Their coming has helped us immensely in the natural arena, and I can tell you of a truth, that without them, we would not have been able to do what we have done.

I have a great deal of admiration for people who will commit their ways unto the Lord. Most of us think that the labor of God is in the spiritual arena - preaching the Word, praying for people, praying in your closet or fellowship, like in this arena as we are participating in today. But I believe that there is a practicality to the gospel of the Kingdom. If you are not willing to sacrifice of your time, your effort and your energy, without thought of remuneration, without thought of yourself, then you are going to be a stingy Christian. Do you have a word for *stingy*? Do you have a word in Hungarian for *stingy*? You don't know

what it means? It means someone who is not very giving. I'm sure that you have a Hungarian word, as you have a Czech word, as well as you have a Slavic word. I have found that if you are not first willing and able to give of what you have in the natural, you are not going to be able to give God what He requires in the spiritual arena. That is a spiritual concept, I hope you know. In Corinthians, Paul is dealing with the spiritual as well as the natural, and what Paul said was, *Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual* (1 Corinthians 15:46). That is a spiritual principle, and it is a very vital principle with regard to building the Kingdom of God.

Now, we as a people want to relegate the responsibility to a few of the chosen, like pastors and youth leaders. We expect them to live by faith and to do the work of God, but the Bible does not demonstrate or illus-

trate that position. My hand is every bit as necessary as my foot. There are bones and ligaments and muscles in my hand that I can't even see, as well as in every other part of my body. They have a purpose in the natural, which is to work in conjunction with the head so that the rest of the body might work together in harmony. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Can you say, "Amen"? Or is it that you don't believe it?


The funny thing about work is that it will stress the body in different ways, and it will manifest itself in the body in different ways. If I use my hands, I can get calluses. In my type of work, I can get stickers, slivers, broken fingernails and smashed thumbs. The funny part about it is that when one part of my body suffers, it seems like my whole body hurts. Sometimes some of us are suffering without knowing that someone in the midst of the Body is hurting and the suffering that we are going through is because they are in that position. Oh, praise the Lord!

You know, the things that God has been speaking to me of late are not what I would call fun words. They have not been words that are fun, words that are nice and something that I would enjoy hearing! The things that God has been speaking to me are words that I don't necessarily enjoy hearing. It is not that I do not like to hear the voice of God, but I find that because of the nature that is within me, and the propensity that I have to be human, God is always having to sit me down like you would sit a child down and begin to lecture them about their behavior. Now, I am sure that you all like that type of message, right? Can you say, "Amen"? Well, if you can't then you aren't going to like what I have to say today.

We have heard the message of the Kingdom that deals with the Body of Christ for probably the last forty-some

years. Some of us may have not had it that long, maybe only for the last five, ten or fifteen years. As of yet, the church has not appropriated it, has not taken the substance of the message and applied it to its natural arena of living. Hallelujah! It would not be as critical if we were five years back as it is as critical today in light of the world-wide circumstances that are going on.

I did not necessarily come here just because I wanted to come. I wasn't going to come because I thought I had **too much to do**. Another factor for my not wanting to come is that the timeframe that I have to do it is shrink-



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ing very quickly and what we are doing, we believe that we are doing **as unto the Lord**. But I was awakened one night, and the Lord spoke to me that I needed to come. I said, "Well, Lord, if this is what You want me to do, You need to speak with Nancy, and let her confirm the fact that I can leave

my post and come and do what needs to be done here as far as I am concerned." She informed me the next day that the Lord spoke to her that I needed to go. So, I booked my ticket and here I am.

I think that we are living in a very serious time. I don't know how anybody can look at the news, listen to the radio or watch on TV all of the destruction and the senselessness of bloodletting. I am not just talking about Christians. Anybody with any kind of sense of morality, that has any type of regard for life at all - they cannot make any sense of what people are doing in the destruction of other people. Yet, in spite of it all, the church seems to be asleep, when it is the church that has the power to rise up in the Spirit and to rebuke the spirit of lust and murder. Hallelujah! It is the church! It is the church that has the power! It is the **church**! It is not just A church. It is THE church that God calls the **Body of Christ**. **IT IS NOT AN ORGANIZED THING - IT IS AN ORGANISM!**

But the problem that we have as human beings is that we schedule God. We schedule Him. Do you have a word for *scheduling*? We schedule God around our natural environment. Our set of circumstances become the priority in spite of the desire that God has and the fact of what God wants to bring forth. Consequently, we find ourselves lacking in the time of trouble, we find ourselves overwhelmed in the time of trouble, we find ourselves perplexed and we find ourselves confused. Is there any perplexity in God? Is there any confusion in God? Do you understand the word *perplexed*? To be perplexed - it is not quite confusion, but more that you don't know which way to go, **WHEN WE SHOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO DISCERN IN THE SPIRIT, BY THE SPIRIT, WHAT IS IN THE MIND OF CHRIST!** That is what you were hearing earlier, I believe. **Let**

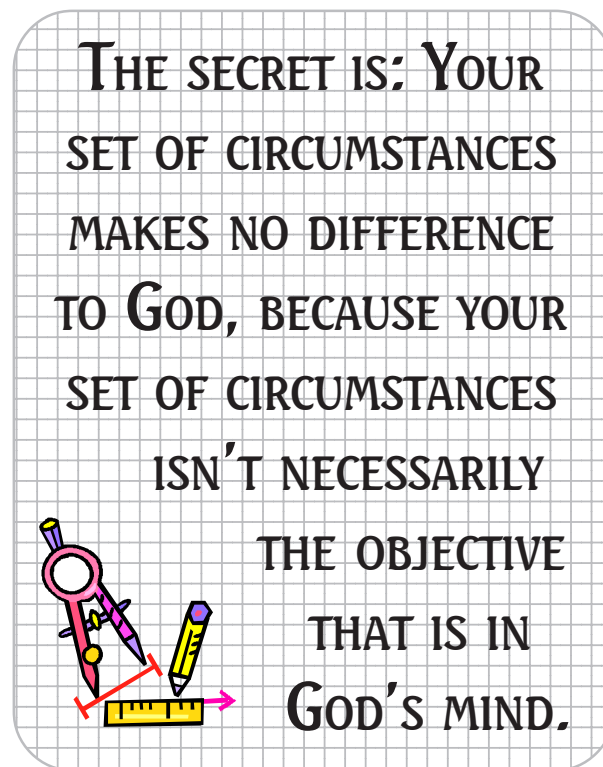
this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5).

Let us look at Jesus. Isn't He who we want to be fashioned like unto? Jesus said, "I don't do anything," or did He say, "I don't do some things"? What did He say? He said, "There is not one thing that I do that I don't see my Father in Heaven doing." John 8:28-29, *Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.* ²⁹*And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.* Now, you can tell me, "That is Jesus!" And you are right, but you said, "I want to be like Him." "I WANT TO BE LIKE HIM."

Or maybe you said, "I want to be just a little bit like Him. I want to be like Him, BUT I also want to be like ME." The problem with that theology is it develops a split personality. Do you know what a split personality is? It is two different identities working in the same arena, but unfortunately they work in opposition to each other. And depending upon which environment you are cultivating or developing the most, or expending most of your energy in, is going to determine who is the strongest! Which personality is the strongest? Hallelujah! Glory to God! Can you say, "Amen"? Or maybe you just want to say, "Oh, me"!

There is a principle, whether you want to believe it or not, that is working in your personal environment. The rules of the game are laid down very well in the Bible. Their are no principles that exist outside of what the Bible says. What I mean to say is that you can say that God isn't just or isn't fair because He doesn't take into account your set of circumstances but let me give you a secret.

Can I tell you a secret? You are not going to like it. The secret is: your set of circumstances makes no difference to God, because your set of circumstances isn't necessarily the objective that is in God's mind. God knew this when He laid down the circumstances in the beginning, when He laid down the rules of the game and how it was going to be played. He knew the rules that He was laying down in the beginning would take care of any set of circumstances - regardless of race, creed, culture, theology - whatever the circumstances were. What He laid down in the beginning and what we had laid out for us in the beginning, is that there are two destinies that can be accomplished in the realm of the natural, as far as humanity is concerned.



You see, when God wrote the book of Genesis, the book of Revelation was already there. When He wrote the book of Genesis and the circumstances that Genesis outlines, God knew what was going to happen. One of the problems you and I have is that we want to separate the natural from the spiritual. We think that this natural set of circumstances really does not have any

bearing on the spiritual arena God is talking to us about with regard to Heaven and sonship.

I will give you a perfect example of it. Let's take the field of education. How many years or how many man hours do you think goes into being educated? Do you know that some of you out here have more man hours in education than some people have years of life? And you have that experience for a very short period of time.

You know, I knew a man who worked very hard at being rich. He thought that the purpose of life was to make money. He was a very shrewd man, very smart, business wise. So he invested himself in the aspect of making money. He did very well. He probably lived to be 89 or 90. I can testify to the fact that his wealth did nothing for him or anybody else. In the end, he had nothing. Nothing. Ninety years of life and living, raising children, having grandchildren, and nobody benefited at all from his investment. Nobody.

What are we doing with what we have? And what are we doing to advance or to build the Kingdom of God? It is very difficult for me to comprehend certain organizations that are religious by virtue of their description. They do very well as a church in the physical, natural arena. And yet many in the congregation are going to hell because the churches do not preach the gospel of God. Yet, in the natural arena they do much more and move in a greater strength and vitality than the living church that has the living Word. **Something is wrong! SOMETHING IS WRONG!**

Now, I am not preaching to you from a gospel of Burt Asbill. I am speaking to you of the reality of what is written in the pages of the scriptures. There was a gospel that Peter was preaching, there was a gospel that John

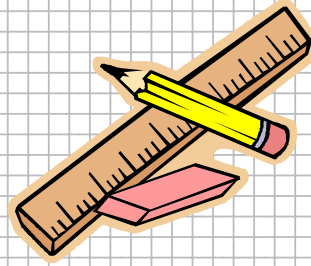
was preaching, and it was not a gospel of financial prosperity! It was not a gospel of, "Take care of yourself first! - THEN take care of the church!" If you don't believe me, read Acts. There was a living Word that was coming forth out of the mouth of natural people in a natural set of circumstances that was motivating them, that was moving them as a people TOGETHER on and in a natural environment! Oh, my God! The church today has not even begun to manifest the spirit of unity that was in that place and time that the New Testament speaks of! Is it

something that was recorded for a historical remembrance? Why should we be different? Is the gospel that I preach different? Is the objective that I am looking for a different objective? It is not that the system hasn't abused the gospel in the aspect of prosperity, because it has. But the abuse of the system should not hinder us from moving into a position that is required by the Word of God! You see, there is a condemnation. Did you know that? **Did you know that a condemnation comes because of the actions of one person moving under the influence of the Word of God and doing what God told him to do?** There is a condemnation, there is a judgment that comes upon the church, on the basis of the obedience of individuals that hear the Word and DO IT! Are you following me? That is scriptural, you know. That is not Burt's theology. No, that isn't Asbill-isms, it is gospel. Turn over into Hebrews (11:7) where the commendation and the stamp of God's approval is put on a man called Noah! WE ARE IN TROUBLE. WE ARE IN TROUBLE.

Do you ever visualize things when you read the Bible? Do you visualize

the set of circumstances that were there? Do you kind of imagine things as they might have been? The Bible says that by one man's obedience to the Word... **One man's obedience!**

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Hello! It did not require the congregation to hear and obey the Word! One man! Do you think you might have liked Noah? Maybe you would have had a personality conflict with him. Do you think that because his name is in the Bible you would have said, "Oh, glory. He is my buddy!"? The only reason he would have been your buddy is because you know the end of the story. What if you didn't know the end of the story? What if you had a problem with his personality? "He's too pushy! He is too opinionated!" Or how about this one? "Why did God speak to him and not to me? I don't have to follow MAN!" No, you don't have to follow man. You really don't. But I'll tell you what! Because they did not heed what the man was saying, they all drowned. **They all drowned!** Every one of them drowned except for Noah and his family. One man!!! How about the twelve apostles? Why is it that we can believe in the twelve apostles and we can't believe in the administration and the dispensation of gifts that are even now in the Body and amongst us?

You know, I grew up in this end-time message. There is nothing that

can make more of a mess - spiritually and naturally speaking - than the gospel that we are preaching, if those that are preaching are not allowing the sanctification and the consecration...

You don't know the word *consecration*? How about the word *dedication*? To be dedicated?

I do not know how it is in the economy of your mechanics out here, but in the States, when we are wiring a building for electricity, we have to dedicate certain circuits for certain appliances. We have to have the refrigerator

run on its own circuit, by itself, plugged directly into the panel. We have to have dedicated circuits for certain appliances because there is a certain amount of amperage that they draw when they are on. So it is in the Spirit, also. Come on, brethren! Depending on the load factor of the appliance and the magnitude of strength, the dedication that is required is greater. Let me tell you something. It doesn't make any difference what I think about the rules for installing electricity. Hello! Did you hear me? It makes no difference what I think about the rules. I may think that what they are requiring is excessive or too much. In the construction trade we have what they call inspectors. Do you have them here? They come in and they look at all of your handiwork - and let me tell you - if it is not done according to the rules, you do not pass inspection. Let me tell you a little story, if I may. As a carpenter and a contractor in California, because of the probability of earthquakes in California in certain areas, the codes and rules are different. You do not build the same in a Code I area as in a Code II, Code III, or a Code IV area. In Code I we build with wood,

as long as the board or the stud that we have that holds the wall has two nails on the top and two nails on the bottom. That's fine. Code II says that, not only do you have to have two nails on the top and two nails on the bottom, you have to have a strap that is embedded in the concrete, and it comes out and it straps on the stud every four feet. Code III says that, not only do you have to have two nails on the top and two nails on the bottom, a strap every four feet, but on each corner you have to have a steel rod. So the closer you get to the epicenter, or the vulnerability of earthquake, the greater the restriction. My Bible tells me that God is going to shake the earth once more (Hebrews 12:26), and you and I have to build our houses in accordance with the rules.

We had a little situation come up in my house the other day. You know, it is kind of difficult living in my house.

I don't know why it is so difficult, but it seems to be that way. We come to the table in the morning and the Lord will just kind of drop a thought into my mind, and I will just start preaching and sharing with those that are around my table. One of the persons around the table said, "How is it that whenever you talk, you are talking what I am thinking?" I said, "Well, I really

don't know what you are thinking, but I am listening to the Holy Ghost and He knows what you are thinking." The Lord dropped these words, "Too much!" Now, that doesn't sound like a lot, except for what I asked those that

were there: "How do you determine what is too much?" Basically, how we come to the conclusion of what is too much is by what we have in our environment that has set a standard or a limit. Those standards are always inadequate because they are subject to the environment in which we have been and the environment we are in is not an environment that is "all knowing."

Do you know what I am talking about, or am I talking to the wrong people? The Bible says, "Tribulation such as has not been known before, or shall ever be again, is coming on the earth" (Matthew 24:21). Do you think that it is going to interfere with your business? Do you think it is going to upset your plans? Do you think it is going to upset your retirement program? Do you think it is going to have any effect on your bank account? Come on! We have to talk about reality.

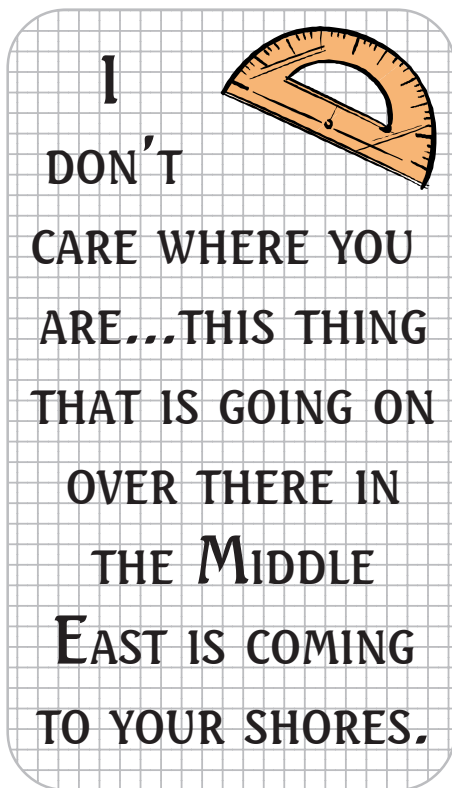
Do you know what it is to be hungry, hungry, hungry? No food in sight - no food available? All the food that you eat - most of it - you get out of the supermarket or the local grocery store. Isn't that right? How vulnerable are you? You are dependent upon a transportation system and you are dependent upon an agricultural system. What if there is no oil to run the

tractors, to run the trucks, to run the generators? What am I talking about? Some of us have heard it for years and years and years. We say that we believe, but we are doing nothing. Nothing - when I know that God is speak-

ing the church to do something! How do I know that? Because every time that great tribulation came to persecute God's purpose, GOD BROUGHT A WORD TO SOMEBODY TO DO SOMETHING! Mark it down. I don't care where you are, I don't care who you are, I don't care what your government philosophy is, this thing that is going on over there in the Middle East is coming to your shores. It is not just coming in threats - you are going to see blood and mayhem and destruction.

We, as human beings, are a funny species. I don't understand it sometimes, brethren.

When 9/11 happened, the effect of it in America nation wide was immediate and very strong. One month later, it began to dissipate. Six months later, the dissipation was even greater. Now, today, it is as though it never happened - as far as our country is concerned to individuals in other parts of the world. It seems as if we need to have the bomb blow up in our front room. I would suppose, Brother Hamilton, that Lufthansa is taking this thing very seriously. Very seriously! And I'm sure that you could tell us some things that could make the hair on the back of our necks stand up and make us full of trepidation about flying. We are a funny species, the way that we have the ability to block something out of our consciousness, as though if we ignore it, it will go away. We have a church of ostriches, not eagles! We have a church of ostriches. We want to stick our heads in the sand, and pretend that it is not going to happen, when all of the time we have this huge posterior sticking up in the air. You know, it is funny, but it is true. It is true! We have our little Wednesday night services, Sunday morning, maybe Saturday night. We spend maybe two or three hours together and if the service runs too long, if we happen to get a long-winded preacher, we complain. When all of the time, Satan's agenda is moving forward.



Moving forward! Moving forward! These men - they are dedicated to the spirit that runs their organization! They are dedicated! They pray! Do you think that they are just singing little chants and harmonizing with each other? There is a recognition! There is a position of recognition that they are giving to the spirit. They are asking the spirit for counsel. And do you know what? The spirit comes and it tells them what to do. If you were in the Spirit, you would be like Elijah with his ear to the wall of the room of the king.

I really don't have anything against you people. Please believe me. I love you dearly and it is not a problem that is just peculiar to you! **THE WHOLE CHURCH IS ASLEEP! SLEEPING!**

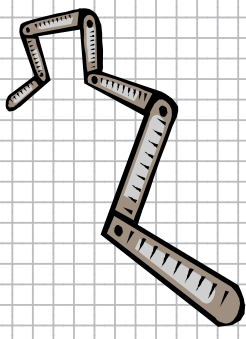
Have you ever known a sleepwalker that really sleepwalks? Have you ever watched a good one? Oh yes! I knew a sleepwalker. He was a good sleepwalker. He could get out of his bed, get himself dressed, take care of his business and go out the door. I knew one that would go out of his house and go down and go swimming in the canal, come back into his house, get into his bed wet and never wake up! **NEVER WAKE UP! AND THE CHURCH IS IN THAT SAME CONDITION.** They are going about with this revelatory word of sonship and they are doing absolutely nothing about it.

I would encourage you to read James the fourth chapter. James is addressing the church. He is not addressing sinners, although it sounds like sinners to me. He is addressing the church and he makes a very peculiar statement. After - **AFTER - AFTER** he calls them adulterers and adulteresses. He is not necessarily talking about a physical position or relationship. He is talking to a spiritual people, a spiritual church that was given the charge of God's spiritual business and he makes this statement in James 4:4, ***Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever there-***

fore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. ENMITY - I suggest that you go into the Greek lexicon and look at the word that is translated *enmity*. It is the same word that

something that is just religious? Was it an unattainable goal? Let me ask you a question. Do you think that you can give 25% of your time, 25% of your money, 25% of all that you are

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is used in the eighth chapter of Romans when it talks about the mind. What were we talking about this afternoon? We were talking about the carnal mind being what? At enmity against God (Romans 8:7). Hallelujah!

There are two spiritual destinies that are laid down in Genesis chapters one, two and three. Two spiritual destinies. Two words of prophecy: one unto godliness and one unto perdition. Do you understand the word *perdition*? The son of perdition? There are two words, two destinies, and both of them with spiritual consequences. I didn't write the Book, thank God, or we would all be in trouble. I did not write the Book, but I do know that to whom you yield your members to obey, you are the servant of him whom you are obeying. ***Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*** (Romans 6:16). Oh, glory to God. Oh, hallelujah!

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

Are you in the likeness of God? The reality? The actuality? Or is it

and attain the reality? I would say that God is good! For 25% you might get 40% back. Or I should use a scriptural term. Maybe you will get 30% back. What do you think is required? What do you think? Hey, if you don't want it, you don't have to have it. I found out that a Christian can have anything that he wants. If he wants the devil, he can have him. What do you want! What do you believe?

What is the point? What is the point of preaching sonship if we have this rapture mentality? "Some day, some way, out there, God is going to wave His magic wand over us and we are all just going to be changed. We are just going to LOVE each other. We are going to give everything that we have to each other." Because of the waving of the magic wand. You show me one individual recorded in Christianity who was not persecuted or tribulated and who did not suffer.

You know, you have to overcome prosperity. Did you know that? Do you think that God took down the Iron Curtain just so you guys could be free? Is that what you think? Change of government? The government that you have now is better than the government that you had then? Oh my God! Wickedness! It is amazing to

me! It is amazing! It is amazing to me to see people partake of a situation that is extremely difficult, because they have no choice - I can't understand it! - and God comes in and relieves the situation divinely! It was divine intervention that caused your economy to have a chance to prosper and flourish and for you to live! God! Nothing else! WHY? Because there are certain spirits that you have to overcome! You have to be given the opportunity of free will choice! My God! You have to make a decision - I will OR I won't. Hallelujah!

Sometimes we measure our spirituality by our prosperity in the natural. That is a big mistake. Sometimes you are just getting what you worked for and you are being paid. It is amazing to me. A people willingly

selling themselves back into a situation from which God redeemed them. But do you know it is really biblical? Jesus said, "A dog returns to his own vomit, and a pig to his wallow" (II Peter 2:22). And you, as the church, have a responsibility to tap into the reality of who He is, that you might begin to work contrary to that wickedness, but we are too involved with other things. Hallelujah.

James 4:8, ***Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*** Now, he is talking to the church! He is talking to you and me. Brethren, we are in trouble. Do you understand that? Humanity is in trouble. Hallelujah!

In the first verses of the first chapters of Revelation it talks about the overcoming church - seven times, I believe. Seven times! Why does God repeat it seven times? It must be important! If for no other reason, it must be very, very, very, very, very impor-

tant. To him that overcometh, He will what? Grant certain liberties or privileges. I believe that every one of these positions of overcoming is - now, this is my personal belief - a station of attainment, a level of achievement. As I overcome in that position, in that place, I am elevated in God. I have the right and I have the liberty to stop at any level I want. But if I want to be

temple. GOD IS MEASURING OUR TEMPLE. The Word of God that is coming in this hour is a measurement by which we are to be measured.

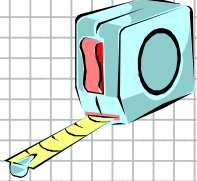
I kind of get a kick out of some of the young people. They say, "Well, we're just looking for our ministry. We just want to know what God wants us to do." They are kind of lamenting the fact that they don't know what to do, and they just go out and pull some more weeds and do whatever is required. They have no awareness. They have no understanding - spiritual awareness. They are becoming a measure by which God is going to measure others.

Do you ever think about Noah? In the beginning of the book, before Noah, it says, "I will give man 120 years" (Gen. 6:3). So that means that Noah was on

the boat, building the boat for 100 years, but there were 20 years prior to the building of the boat that he was living a normal life. I don't know, have you ever thought about some of the conversations around the dinner table at night? Or maybe about the conversations between Noah and God Himself?

"Noah?" "Yes, Lord." "I want you to build Me a boat." "A what? You want me to build You a what?" "I want you to build Me a boat." "Okay, Lord. What's a boat?" Can you imagine him going home to his wife? It says that God spoke to Noah. It didn't say He spoke to his wife. Can you imagine the conversation around the dinner table that night? "Oh, Honey! You'll never guess what God told me to do." I can imagine her kind of rolling her eyes a little bit. "Well, Noah, what did He say?" "Well, He told me to build a boat." "He told you to do WHAT?" "He told me to build a boat." "Well, what is a boat?" Can

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perfect, because seven is the number of perfection, then I have to go into circumstances and situations that are consistent with the position of the church, that are consistent with each of the circumstances that are stated in regard to the seven churches. Do you understand what I am saying? I have a right to stop at any time I want to, and furthermore, the scripture says that without us obtaining these positions, the church around us cannot be made perfect. "They without us could not be made perfect" (Hebrews 11:40). Hallelujah.

We have a very long way to go, and I don't know really how we are going to do it, except by the grace of God and the unmerited favor that He pours out upon those that are willing to expend themselves totally and absolutely for the sake and the purposes of God. Hallelujah! These are the two witnesses, I believe. In Revelation, the eleventh chapter, He begins with the account of the measuring of the

you imagine if he was telling her, "Well, He told me to build this boat, and it is going to be this high, this big and this wide." She says, "That's not a boat. That is a hotel." "Oh, and by the way, also, Sweetie, He told me I had to quit my job." "HE WHAT?" He had a wife. "How are you going to take care of the kids? What are we going to eat? And you are out there building something called a boat?"

Oh, I suppose he could have come up with all kinds of reasons why he couldn't build the boat. And for 100 years - do you think that family relations were always on the "lovely level"? Do you think the kids probably didn't think that they were being abused, or misused? Do you think that humanity was different then than what humanity is now? I have a hard enough time getting kids to clean their rooms, much less build a boat. "No more holidays!" "WHAT?" "WE all need our time!" Right? Sea, sand and sun! I wonder what they thought of sea, sand and fun when it started raining?

There is another peculiar thing about this story. God came to one man and told him when the thing was going to happen. ONE MAN! He said to one man, "In seven days I am going to bring a flood that is going to wipe out - KILL - all of humanity" (Genesis 7:4).

You know, when I have reiterated the story of Noah in the past, I have always spoken of God shutting the door of the ark. But that is not what the Bible says. What the Bible says is, "The LORD shut him in" (Genesis 7:16). Those words, *shut in*, are very peculiar because it means *to be sealed*. So all of a sudden, we have jumped from Genesis to Revelation.

We have a man - he is not of our fellowship - but he is a man who is committed to doing what God has told him to do. I have a great deal of respect, regardless of who they are - in the aspect of them doing what God has told them to do - and doing it with all of their might. Those types of people, though they are what we would call Outer Court, are setting a standard. Their lives are like an indelible line that is being drawn, and God is measuring His church by the principle of dedication. Do you know that you can be dedicated to a level of the Word in the functioning of your life, and in the outpouring of your being, and it can be as a measure that will measure those that are in a higher position of relationship? It can be a measure that is used for those that are in a higher realm, or that have a word that is higher than what they have?

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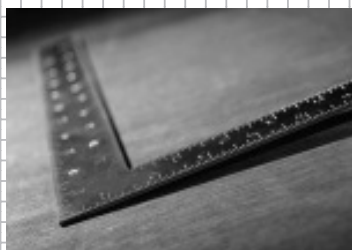
ing to be offered as a sacrifice, to be expended in every level of your life that is expendable? One of the words of correction that came to one of the churches in Revelation was of their self-evaluation being wrong. They said that they were rich. They said that they could see. They said that they were clothed. How were they measuring? How much is too much? God's perspective was entirely different. He said to them, "You are poor, you are wretched, you are miserable and you are blind." Then He admonished them to come and buy of Him salve for the eyes and raiment to cover themselves (Revelation 3:17-18).

May God help us in our endeavor to be sons of God and a part of the Body of Christ.

God bless you.

Brother Cecil duCille:

It is a long time since I have seen Burt. He came in during the end of the meeting and he did not know what we were doing in the meetings. I want you to understand that we are listening to an awesome God. He couldn't have repeated more of the Word that was going on here for three or four days than if he had been sitting here. I'm sure that George had not given him his notes. I want you to be aware of the awesomeness of what God has done.



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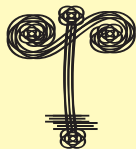
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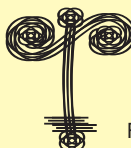
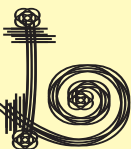
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The Devil's Convention



(Read this even if you're busy)

Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their Saviour. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to their churches; let them have their covered dish dinners, BUT steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ."

"This is what I want you to do," said the devil, "Distract them from gaining hold of their Saviour and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!"

"How shall we do this?" his demons shouted.

He answered:

"Keep them busy in the non-essentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds."

"Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow."

"Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles."

"Keep them from spending time with their children."

"As their families fragment, soon, their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work!"

"Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice."

"Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive, to keep the TV, VCR, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ."

"Fill the coffee tables with magazines and newspapers."

"Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day."

"Invade their driving moments with billboards."

"Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogs, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes."

"Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazines and TV so their husbands will believe that outward beauty is what's important, and they'll become dissatisfied with their wives."

"That will fragment their families quickly!"

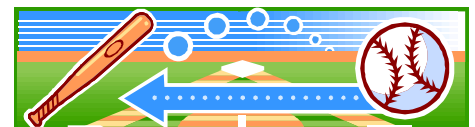
"Give them Santa Claus to distract them from teaching their children the real meaning of Christmas."

"Give them an Easter bunny so they won't talk about his resurrection and power over sin and death."

"Even in their recreation, let them be excessive."

"Have them return from their recreation exhausted."

"Keep them too busy to go out in nature and reflect on God's creation."



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Lord!

by Stacy Asbill

Recently I was reading something that really caused me to stop and think, and it had to do with... you guessed it! JOY! Before I get into my “revelation” though, I will share with you a definition for joy that I thought was absolutely tremendous. This definition comes from Wikipedia; *Joy is the overflow of a thankful heart. The reunion of a lost son to his father. A delight in the goodness of others. A delight in the very character of God such that it affects and permeates all interactions with others.* Isn't that great - especially the last line? Now, another word that I would like us to consider is the word “happy.” I think we mistakenly interchange the two and yet they are worlds apart. *Happiness is often associated with the presence of favorable circumstances. Unfavorable circumstances diminish the amount of happiness a person experiences. Happiness is influenced by the attitude and perspective taken on such circumstances.* It is interesting to see the difference between the two words; God is the focus and foundation in joy whereas happiness is centered around one's environment. Because the basis for joy is founded upon God, joy is constant and dependable - because happiness is based on environment, it is variable.

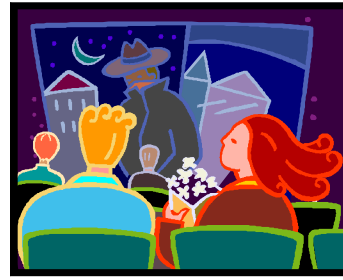
Did you know that the word *joy* is found in 155 verses in the Bible? Also, the second fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22 is joy? As I began to look into the Word, I found something out that, to me, was really enlightening! Did you know that the Word actually commands us to have joy?!? Many times as I have prayed for myself and my family, one of the

things that I have asked God for is to have His joy. In Psalm 51, David prays that God would cleanse his heart and restore unto him the joy of his salvation, so we see that asking God for joy is a good thing. Ecclesiastes 2:26 says, *For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy*, so God desires to give us joy. But I thought it was amazing to read in the Word that there is a joy we ought to have within us that flows out into the midst of any and every circumstance we are in! *Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart* (Psalm 32:11). Psalm 35:27 says, *Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.* When considering the definition for joy, I think we find the key as to how we are able to have that joy within us and it is found in simply keeping our focus upon God and Who He is. I love the part of the definition that says to delight in the very character of God and, as we do so, it is going to permeate our being to such an extent that it will flow out to all those around us. What a tremendous blessing!

Considering once again the definition of happiness, we can see that happiness is contingent upon happenings, or what is going on around us. A thought that comes to me is, I wonder if we sometimes excuse our lack of joy because of the absence of pleasant circumstances in our lives. If so, the Bible is very clear on this account, too. James 1:2 says, *My breth-*

ren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; ³Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. ⁴But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. This reminds me of the scripture in Isaiah 61:3, *To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.* Herein lies the answer to my thought; it is out of the midst of our trials and tribulations that God not only desires, but says that we are to have joy! In fact, Psalm 27 verse 6 says that even when we are surrounded by our enemies we are to offer up to the Lord sacrifices of joy! This seems so against our human nature, doesn't it? Yet when we find ourselves in these situations, as we focus on God and delight in Him, the joy of the Lord flows out from our being and Christ is made manifest! Isn't that a tremendous thought? Now think about how the world is full of angry, sullen, complaining, ungrateful people and it is in the midst of that darkness that God is looking for a people who will permeate His nature to all those who are lost. What a marvelous witness and testimony it will be to the world that we serve the living God! And isn't that the purpose of it all? That the Lord would be totally glorified!

One last thought that I want to close with is yet another aspect of joy. The Word says that God wants to joy in us! In Zephaniah 3:17 it says, *The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.* The concept of God rejoicing in us reminded me of the parable in the gospels about the talents. As each one moved righteously in what God had bequeathed to them, the response of the Lord was, "Well done thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." I believe that each one of us desires to enter into that place of fellowship with Him that He would find joy in us. My desire is to encourage myself and all of you to meditate on God, Who He is, and what He has done. Allow the joy that comes forth to fill your home, touch your family, touch all those who come across your path and may Christ be lifted and magnified in each and every circumstance! Praise God!



Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, plays, concerts, and movies instead."

"Keep them busy, busy, busy!"

"And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences."



"Crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Jesus."



"Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause."

"It will work! It will work!"

It was quite a plan!

The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to get busier and more rushed, going here and there, having little time for their God or their families and friends, having no time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives.

I guess the question is, has the devil been successful in his schemes?

You be the judge!!!!

Does "BUSY" mean:

B-eing

U-nder

S-atan's

Y-oke?



TOTAL SURRENDER!

BY
NATHANIEL
CHATTIC

In writing this, I am still meditating on much that was ministered during the July convention. I must say that not only was I further sobered, I was definitely aware of the urgency of the timeframe in which we are in, and in conjunction with what was being shared, the time to prepare and get our house in order is upon us. With that being said, and that thought of the need for preparation as well as having a willingness to do everything possible to secure our position and place in God, I came away from that time of meeting together with some fear and trepidation. Yet, I was immensely encouraged, for I know that God desires for us to truly finish our course in Him. He wants us to succeed, to make it all the way, and He is saying that it is not an impossible task to complete.

If any thought jumped out at me and stayed in the forefront of my mind, it was the necessity to not only prepare and get our house in order, but to also have a real, true, viable, loving and intimate relationship with God. A relationship that goes beyond the fact of merely knowing about Him, or what He stands for. A relationship that is more than just memorizing some Bible verses, attending church every Sunday, paying your tithes and offerings on time, and so forth. All of those things are good, and help to meet certain needs and increase our development and growth in the Lord, but I believe that God desires some-

thing much more than us being just “good Christians.” He desires sons, He wants to have a people that He can have fellowship with, people that have a heart to hearken unto Him. He wants people to do what He asks to do, not out of habit, or because they are thrust into a position where they feel they “have to” do it, but because they want to do the will of God with every fiber of their being. He wants people whose entire life is enwrapped in Him, in following Him, in total and absolute servitude to Him, because we love Him. And it is that love, that pure, unadulterated, spotless, without any expectation of receiving anything back, type of love that should be running through our veins, that should envelop our minds and hearts, and should be shared within the entire body of Christ. Why? Because God first loved us, and He wants His love returned.

I recently heard a song playing on the radio at my workplace entitled “Me and God.” Within the song, the singer describes his relationship with God, and albeit, though it is a country song, there is a glimmer of truth to what this man is singing about. He begins the song with, “There ain’t nothing that can’t be done by me and God; Ain’t nobody come in between me and God.” He goes on further to say that he converses with God in the morning and late at night, ending the second stanza with, “You could say we’re like two peas in a pod, me and God.” The end of the chorus provides the summation for the song; “We’re a team, me and God.” Now, this guy probably has not heard the message of the Kingdom (yet!), and for all I know his per-

sonal relationship with God may be outer court at best, but in terms of the song he is acknowledging his own inability to get through life in his own strength. In the lyrics, he is stressing the necessity of relationship that a person needs with God, and that nothing can ever break that relationship apart.

Now, while it is true that we are to be co-laborers with Christ, we should not neglect or forget the fact that God DESIRES sons. God is more than happy to work with us, but we in turn have to be willing and obedient and do everything that He has REQUIRED and COMMANDED for us to do on our part in order for us to attain that position of sonship. It's more than just being "buddy, buddy" with Jesus - it is about walking out the word of the Lord with reverence, with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12). It takes complete determination and a willingness to go that extra mile for Christ, particularly during those times when we feel less than able to serve Him. It takes a reaching out of ourselves and tapping into that life and energy that is in God. We need to get serious in our service to the Lord. We absolutely need to have a heart totally sold out for God, a heart that would be on par with the heart David had. He was aware of the expectation(s) God had laid on him to meet and exceed in his life, perhaps more so when he was caught up in the fires of tribulation, and in the midst of those trials, moving in the spirit of repentance, and reconnecting with God. In this hour, we that have heard this message of sonship, of the Kingdom, cannot lose or take for granted the spirit of repentance. It is through repentance that we can reconnect with God, that we have an avenue to return to our First Love, and go back and do those first works, putting our hands back on the plow and continuing onward and upward, functioning properly as a member in the Body.

So, in meditating on some of the word that was brought forth throughout the July convention, a question kept popping into my mind. I felt as if God was asking, "Do you love Me?" Maybe it was more like, "Do you REALLY love Me? How far are you willing to go with Me, to follow Me? What are you willing to do to prove your love for Me?" I definitely felt like a challenge was being presented to me, and when I heard that this was the time where all were standing before the Golden Altar of Incense, those questions and thoughts rang aloud more and more. And I immediately felt so inadequate, so ashamed, and so unprepared, because I sensed the immediacy of the word, and the urgency of the hour. My thought was, "Lord, You see my condition, You know where I'm at, and the place where I need and should be in right now. What is it that I have to do to get there?" And I felt that in response to that thought, He gave a one-word answer, "Surrender." If we have that desire to go all the way with God, to be part of God's chosen, of that first fruits company that

we have heard so much about, then it will take an absolute and total surrendering of our hearts, of everything that is and encompasses us. Our every thought, dream, goal, aspiration, and so on must belong to Him.

Coupling with the thought of total surrender to God, came the thought of relationship, and having a closer, deeper, more intimate level of relationship with God. So, after the conference, I began to look into the word *relationship* a little more, and I found some key words that I thought painted that picture of the depth of how our relationship with God could and should be. Some of those words I found in correlation with *relationship* were *kinship, kinsman, connection, likeness, bond, dependence*, among others. (Key reference material - Wikipedia online, *Webster's New Dictionary and Thesaurus*) And what struck me while looking through the definition of the word *relationship* and at some of its companion words, is that my perspective of how my relationship with God is, where it is, and how it should function, is totally incomparable to how God views His relationship with me. Now, that should be a no-brainer, right? Well, what it serves is to put me in a position to ask God to revamp and reshape my perspective of my relationship with Him. He desires total intimacy with His people, and He expects that same desire in return. He wants to function in and find a place of eternal habitation in a people, but we have to want Him to move through us. We have to want God to enter into us and take His rightful place on the throne of our hearts.

I have been privy to a string of meetings before the convention that essentially called for a thorough time of self-examination. Well, I don't know about you, but I am finding out that I like what is "me" less and less. And I am finding out that I am not in a position where I can steer my life and expect to come out on the other side as if I let God commandeer it, because it would result in the exact opposite of what His expectation would be for me, amen. So, in my times of meditation, I have been continually posed with the issue of preparation. In coming to an understanding that the time is most definitely short, and in essence, we are being given a golden opportunity to return to God and do what it is that He is telling us to do with the time that we have left, I am finding that the most secure place, the most profitable place to be in is under the shadow of His Wing. To be totally immersed in God, without fear of the "unknown," despite the opinions of man, and every device of the enemy that would want to divert and subvert us, is the most secure, peaceful, and liberating place to be in at this junction of time. And to get there, we have to have a determination that nothing in this world, though everything around us, the people, our environment, even the resistance that is internal that no one sees, will separate us from that place that we need to be in God. We need

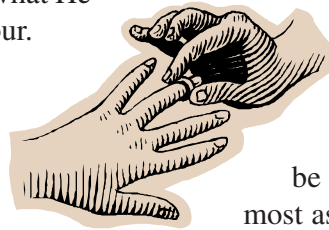


to assess what is most important to us, and how far we want to go in our walk in Christ. And every decision that we make from here on in will bring forth the result of just how far we were willing or unwilling to go with God. We each have a tremendous opportunity to excel to heights in God that we have not experienced thus far. We each have a potentiality in Christ that is unparalleled to what our own finite minds could ever conceive or imagine, and far surpasses what we could ever do for ourselves. But it takes a total surrender of our hearts, an understanding that not my will, God, but Your will be done in my life.

I was trying to wrap my mind around just how to equate the love that God has for His people, and that same love He wants to be reciprocated to Him from us. And one of the things that came immediately to mind was marriage, and the relationship between husband and wife. I know two brothers who have found, or rather, God has divinely set up, with two fine sisters, and even as I write this, they are making the necessary preparations to “get hitched.” And in thinking about marriage, and coming at it from the perspective of what God intends through putting people together in matrimony, it is indicative of what He wants His church to prepare for in this hour.

Now, being a single person, I am not aware of all of the in-workings of a marriage relationship, but I have seen both sides of the coin, so to speak, of a successful, profitable marital relationship and an unsuccessful, unprofitable marital relationship. And let me tell everyone that desires to be married this up front, if God is not in the center of the marriage relationship, it will not produce the desired product that He intended through **holy** matrimony.

I think about the vows that both the man and the woman exchange during the marriage procession, “I promise to love, to honor, to cherish you, for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, ‘til death do us part...” Of course, there are many variations, but in the midst of those words passed from the groom to the bride and vice-versa, there is a declaration that is being made. It is part of the covenant that they are making one with another, a bond in which they are declaring that **NOTHING** can or will ever break, that despite what is thrown at them, despite the circumstances they will find themselves in, positive or negative, joyful or sorrowful, they will remain united. And to top it off, that act of declaration, in making that covenant, is witnessed before other people, and most importantly, before God, in order that it would be further encouraged and maintained, providing an extra strength in supporting that covenant. So as it is evident in the natural arena of marriage, it is very much prevalent in the spiritual arena. God desires for a bride that has made herself ready for the marriage ceremony. He is coming for His church, and we have



a tremendous responsibility on our shoulders to get ready now, more than we ever were in times past. God is a covenant making God, and He desires for us to keep our end of the covenant that we make with Him through accepting Him as our Lord and Savior, through water baptism, and through baptism of the Holy Ghost. Ultimately, it is through honoring those commitments that we have made with Him that will take us into that place where we need to be in God.

So, in the aspect of thinking about marriage in the natural, there is a connection that the couple is establishing, there is a bond that is formed, there is a covenant that is being made between the two. Ruth said it well, *Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: ¹⁷Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.* (Ruth 1:16-17) Covenant making is more than words. It is a lifestyle, and once a person utters with their lips that he or she will do

all to honor the covenant, the time will come when that utterance will be tested and proven. Upon making those vows, once the ceremony ends, after the wedding bells stop ringing, and when the honeymoon is over, that covenant should

be in the forefront of those that made it, because it most assuredly will be tested. But praise God, what He puts together, no man can put asunder, as long as we have the proper perspective, and do all on our part to adhere to His word and walk it out. In thinking about the marriage relationship, I think about what it meant to receive Christ for the first time, to receive salvation. My every thought seemed to be how I could please Him, what I could do for Him, how I could serve and honor Him better every day. That same mentality is evident in the natural relationship through holy matrimony. How can I serve or honor my partner better? What can I do to please my husband? How can I show more than before that I absolutely love my wife? What more could I be doing to facilitate the nature of Christ in him/her more than yesterday? And to be an outsider, part of that witness company (I am speaking natural now) and seeing the pair that God has put together moving and functioning fully in Him is so awesome, because it is further proof that the covenant that was made on their wedding day is being appropriated and walked out.

As people of God, as members of His Body, we should be encouraged, and encouraging, ourselves and one another in the aspect of adhering to and preserving our covenant relationship that we each made with God. And we can do things continually in our walk to further establish our foundation in God and continue to facilitate that nature of Christ that so needs to become interwoven into the

fabric of our being. We are living in a period of time where there is so much darkness around us, and it is always looking to creep into the corridors of our life, our heart and soul, and totally enshroud us with its cloak. So, it is crucial that we recognize that as gross and heavy as that darkness is, deprave and void of any life and light whatsoever, it is representative of the state where we used to be without God intervening in our lives. And that is the state that the devil wants us to succumb to and remain, under the covering of death and sin. Thank God for His mercy and grace, for plucking this man out of a pit, out of a circumstance that on my own I couldn't hope to climb out of, for rescuing me out of the clutches of the enemy. If we are struggling in our times of meditation, in making time to read the Bible or praying to God, in looking at our own lack or past wrongs, and always thinking that we will never measure up to the standard where God wants us to be, the enemy has us right where he wants us. He was successful in taking our attention and focus away from God, from that source of life, from tapping into the Spirit of God, from receiving the energy that is in the Blood of Christ. We have to remain determined and resolve to not allow Satan to score any more victories against us, or have any openings to enter into and wreck havoc on us. As relentless and violent as Satan is against us, against the Body of Christ at large, we need to be just as, and more, unrelenting in cleaving to God, in standing for love, peace, righteousness, holiness, and all of those other attributes that make up the nature of God.

I remember something that Mr. duCille ministered at the Jamaica conference earlier this year pertaining to how we can prepare our spiritual man. In other words, coming up another notch, and climbing higher onto another level in God. Three key things he ended that word on were feeding on the Word of God, talking to Him through prayer, and keeping your mind on Him. I believe that we have to become more aware or conscious of the presence of God not only surrounding us, but inside of us. We have the capability of living and functioning "perfectly" under God, because His Spirit is inside of us. But we have to nurture that seed of Christ. We have to make sure that that seed has fallen into good soil, that it is not choked up by the enemies within and without. We have to make sure that we are watering that seed by drinking deeply of the Word of God, that it is being properly enriched through daily conversation with Christ. If all measures on our part to ensure that His seed has been properly cared for, the evidence will show forth in the fruit that that mature plant produces. Let us not forget our First Love in Christ. Let us not forget what He has delivered us out of, and what He is continuing to do for us individually, for our families, our friends, our co-workers, our neighbors, and collectively as the Body of Christ. And let us lay hold of the precious promises that He has made, of the word that He has given to us, of the testimony He has given us charge to uphold and continue to build upon, and let us go forth and adhere to that word, not looking back. God loves us so much more than we could ever comprehend, and He wants a people that have a heart for Him, so much so that they would lay down their lives completely, and follow Him completely, with total surrender. Let us continue to do our utmost in preserving that covenant relationship with God, for it is His desire to see us moving into that high place, that place in the Holy of Holies, fully immersed in Him. God bless you.



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Meeting Schedule

Sunday Morning
10:00am Fellowship

Wednesday Evening
7:30pm Bible Study