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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 a one spirit, striving together for the faith of the gospel; Philippians 1:27

Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established:
believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. II Chronicles 20:20

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Dear Readers,
Welcome to the September edition of Keeping In Touch. We have quite a few testimonies from various individuals this time. Take your time and reflect on these after you read them because God wants to move in your life just as well! We are excited to have an announcement from a recent wedding! Congratulations, Nate and Kate! Of course, please take the time to read the long messages by Brother duCille and Brother Jantzi - there is meat in there to chew on and round out your diet with this bulletin!

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The Rising Of The Day Star

By Mark Jantzi


Schenectady, New York June 1st, 2008

We are going to talk about the day star. We will start in II Peter 1:14 and just kind of get the context of these verses. Peter is apparently an older man now. He says, ¹⁴*Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.* Peter knows that his days are coming to an end in the natural flesh and we know that Peter was a martyr. He knew that his time was coming and yet he is writing very positively. ¹⁵*Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.* This was his last will and testament. Amen. ¹⁶*For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.*

There is a word that is being preached today under the name of Jesus Christ that is really “cunningly devised fables.” It is not the Word of God. Peter was apparently reminding them and this was apparently going on already at the time of Peter. Men were twisting the Word of God to their own benefit. They were mis-

leading people. They were taking advantage of people already. “We have not followed these cunningly devised fables.” Peter is saying that we have held steadfast and true to the Word of God. ¹⁶*For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.* Peter is also teaching the end-time and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The promise of His coming is not a fable. It is a reality. It is a truth. Though the vision tarries, hold on to it. It will come. Amen. He will come.

“We were eyewitnesses of His majesty.” Isn’t it funny that they didn’t really know that they were eyewitnesses at the time? I mean, Peter is the one that rebuked Him and said, “Nay, Lord, be it far from Thee. You are not going to go to that cross. You are not going to die. We are not going to lose you.” Then Jesus turned and rebuked Peter, “Get thee behind Me, Satan, for thou savourest not the things that be of God and of the Spirit, but those that be of men.” Amen. They didn’t realize the majesty.



What would you do if you thought you had the opportunity of walking three and a half years, a college education, with GOD? With GOD! Wouldn't you probably behave differently than they behaved? They didn't see it, did they? But now he sees it. He says, "We had that privilege. The word that we are bringing to you we heard from Him. It is not a fable. It is a sure word of prophecy and this voice that came from heaven, we heard. Yes, we heard that voice from heaven."

II Peter 1:17, *For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.* ¹⁸*And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.* Peter was one of the three that was there.

We have a more sure word of prophecy. A prophetic word made surer. Verse 19, *We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:* Can you see a picture of a light in a dark place? What happens in a dark place when a light is turned on? The dark is gone! Completely gone! There is no way that you can turn darkness on and cause the light to flee.

I don't know, Satan must have decided that there must be a realm of darkness. I don't know what went through his mind there when he was that anointed cherub in heaven. Somehow he got to thinking about it. Maybe he thought, "God is the King of light. There must be something opposite of light that has no king. If only I could be the king of that other side. I'll bring a balance to this entire thing. I'll be the king of darkness. Maybe I can even overcome the light with my darkness." Obviously, he had to be deceived by some of this thinking to believe that he could actually pull this off and win.

But he says that *ye take heed... until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.* What is going to happen when that day dawns? Do you brethren really realize that we don't know what day looks like? I don't think we have really had a decent taste of day. We get little glimpses of light, but I don't think that we have really seen the reality of day. As I look at the history of my generation, I believe that all of my generation has dwelt in

some kind of darkness, in some kind of a dim darkness. I suppose that some generations before me would probably say the same thing. I don't think that we have ever seen the true reality of the true dawning of the light and the coming of the day star. I believe it has been hidden. I think they saw a little bit of it back there in the days of Peter. But we see already, as Peter is writing, darkness is already coming again. They didn't really get the whole light. But there is a promise of that light!

There was a sister that was sharing at the prayer conference Saturday morning that she had a dream. She looked out the window at the brightest, most beautiful sunrise that she had ever seen in reality. I took it as a vision or a dream. It sounded like a dream to me, although it does happen.


You know, God has given us our sun and our natural sunrise so that we will know the contrast and what it is really going to be like in the spiritual realm. When I said I don't think we have ever lived in light, I meant that I don't think that we have ever seen the fullness of the brightness of spiritual light on this earth. Now, I enjoy seeing sunrises. I don't always enjoy waking up, but the sunrises are nice. The beauty of the sun is just a beautiful thing to behold.

What are we talking about here when we are talking about the day star? *...until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts* is Jesus, of course! Now, the day star, technically, is our sun. Our sun is a star; it is a natural star. When you go out at night and it is dark and you see those stars, except for the planets, all those other stars are suns. Everything in the sky has a meaning and the ancients understood this. Men like Abraham and Job; it is believed that they understood what all those stars meant. The ancients said that God wrote the history of salvation in the stars.

Charles Finney did a wonderful teaching on the constellations and the salvation of God in them. It was understood by men of old. Me, I don't understand it. Give us some time and we can look into it and we can understand it. The stars actually belong to God. They don't belong to the devil. The devil may have corrupted these things to use for witchcraft, but they belong to God.

Let us go on. I want to further define this day star for you. Revelation 2:28, *And I will give him the morning star.* Again, we need to take a little context of





what this is all about.
The morning star is the star
that rises, bringing in the new day.

So if we are going to have the morning star or the day star as a gift, a reward if you please, for being an overcomer, then He is not going to give us a natural star from the sky. It is a spiritual picture here of Jesus Christ.

Now, let me go back a little. This is to the church of Thyatira, a very interesting church, because here is the church that had to overcome the spirit of Jezebel. You know that the spirit of Jezebel is quite a thing to overcome. We in New York State have the spirit of Jezebel more than anyplace I know of. It was 16 years ago when George Bush Senior was running against Bill Clinton. It was in the fall and I told the Lord, "Boy, it doesn't look good for Bush." To my surprise, the Spirit of the Lord spoke to me and said, "No. You are going to have Jezebel." I was shocked at the Lord saying something like that. I thought to myself, "Jezebel? There is nobody running for President named Jezebel." The Lord let it sink in for just a minute and then He added, "...and her husband." So you can see from the Lord's point of view who was really running the show and who wants to run the show again. I don't know how long that prophetic word is supposed to last. I hope it doesn't last again for another so many years and I hope it is not prophetic for what is to come. I hope it's time is over. You know, some of these prophetic things do have an end.

But here in New York we still have Jezebel. That is out in the world. The sad thing is that Jezebel gets into the church. That spirit of ruling over and taking dominion over other people is the spirit of Jezebel. It doesn't have to be a female that manifests a spirit of Jezebel. Men can manifest that spirit just as well. However, it is best expressed, I suppose, in a natural female.

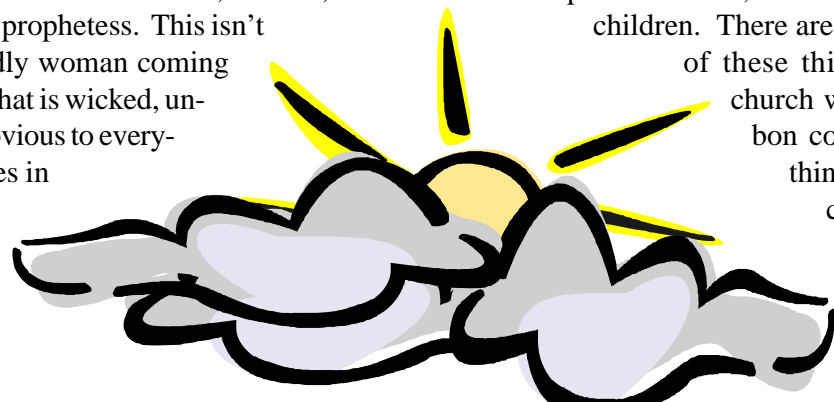
It says, Revelation 2:20, ***Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. Sufferest*** means that you allow this woman, Jezebel, who calleth herself a prophetess. This isn't just some worldly woman coming into the church that is wicked, unrighteous and obvious to everybody. She comes in with a spirit of religion and she holds herself out to be a prophet-


ess. In other words, she is going to have a prophecy for everybody. "Oh, thus saith the Lord, here is a word for you." You know? Also, she puts butter and sugar and cream on everybody with her prophesies. I don't want to go into the whole thing. I just want to tell you that here is a church that has to overcome Jezebel.

Verse 21, ***And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.*** Of her what? Fornication - spiritual fornication! Often when there is spiritual fornication there ends up being natural fornication as well. So, we see that we are also dealing with the spirit of *porneia*, spiritual as well as natural.

Verse 22, ***Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.*** What is spiritual adultery? How do you define spiritual adultery? It is being unfaithful to the Lord Jesus Christ and going after other lovers, other gods, other christs, other charisma's. Do you follow what I am saying? You see someone who comes in the name of Christ - Jesus said in Matthew 24:24, ***For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*** He said, "Many shall come in My name - false prophets, false christs." I remember at one time I thought, "Well, who in the world would buy this if somebody stood up and said, 'I am Christ'?" Now, that isn't quite the way that they are going to do it. They come with this great charisma, this great majesty and want you to buy (accept) the person of man with the great charisma. This is spiritual adultery when you start following and looking after that spirit rather than Jesus Christ Himself. In other words, you are in bed with someone else.

Revelation 2:23, ***And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.*** So, the spirit of Jezebel, like the spirit of harlotry, also begets children. There are carbon copies that come out of these things. My goodness, in the church world there are so many carbon copies. Somebody gets a big thing going somewhere in some city in Florida, or some city in Texas or some city in Canada. Pastors come from all over and say, "What is he doing? Let's






do it like he does. We are going to have the same thing going. Let's all go down there and get the fire of that spirit." Brethren, it is happening again right now. What this spirit of harlotry is doing is that they are making children of it and they all want to duplicate the same thing. Why do they want to do that? Well, because they are drawing hundreds and hundreds of people, so if we do the same thing (they reason) we will get hundreds and hundreds of people. That is what man wants.

All right, so I am talking about overcoming Jezebel and He comes down here to Revelation 2:26, ***And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:*** My goodness! What is happening in the nations today? When we were in Ireland, what got me asking questions was that every lamp post had this big sign on it at the town where we were staying: "Vote Yes! Make Europe work better!" Then on the next lamp post: "Vote Yes on the Treaty! Make Europe function better." Finally, I said to the brethren, "What kind of a vote are you doing here? What are you voting on to make Europe work better?"

They said, "Oh, that is the Lisbon Treaty."
"What is that all about?"

So, one brother got me a flier. They had fliers everywhere and they gave me the flier and I began to read what it was. It started off by the Treaty of Rome initiated by the Pope quite some years ago. Then it became the Maastricht Treaty. Then it had another name, the European Union Treaty or something like that. It has 27 members now. So what is this new treaty about? Well, apparently everybody didn't completely ratify everything the last time that they went to vote. Also, it seems that Ireland is the only country where the actual population is going to vote. The other countries, just their representatives are going to be the ones to vote. This is supposed to make the final European Community a reality on January 1, 2009.

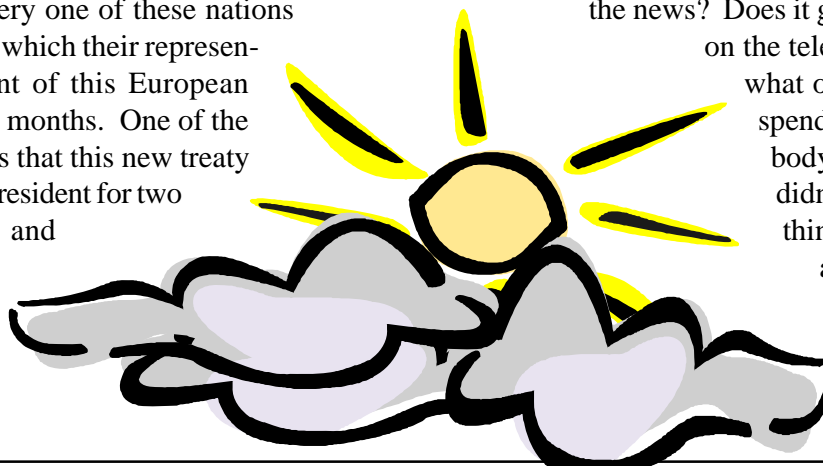
Currently, every one of these nations is on a rotation in which their representative is President of this European Community for 6 months. One of the biggest changes is that this new treaty will give them a President for two and a half years and then he can run for another two and a half years. Also, this President



will be elected from the Council of their own organization. It seems that Tony Blair would like to be President. But the bylaws state that the President has to be a Catholic. So, I am looking in the Time magazine that just came and there is a big, long article about Tony Blair and his faith. It says that Tony Blair has converted to Catholicism. It was convenient to be a Protestant while he was the Prime Minister of England; now it will be convenient to be a Catholic. By the way, his wife has been Catholic all along and his four kids have all been raised as Catholic, so what difference does it make as far as Tony is concerned? Just another religion! Anyway, they are going to have an opportunity for a powerful leader.

The national boundaries of Europe are all gone, except in Ireland, of course. Ireland kept their boundaries. We drove from Germany to Czech and we went flying through the border without a stop. The passport control booths are still there where they have long been, but now they are empty, vacant. This is just like it looked when we went from West Germany over to East Germany when the iron curtain fell. All of those guard towers when we went through the first time had now become old, empty guard towers - where the soldiers used to stand with their machine guns looking to see who was going to try to escape - now empty. And now the border crossing booths are empty. They said that you can drive all the way to Hungary - no borders. Fly right through, just like going from New York to Pennsylvania to Ohio to Illinois, wherever. You know, you just keep right on driving. When we rode the train back from Prague to Germany... Every other time that we crossed the border from Czech to Germany they would bang on our compartment door and say, "Passport control!" Now, nobody interrupted us at all and when you come on back to Germany it is the same thing, no borders.

I'll tell you what, brethren. Something is happening in Europe. Do you know that? Do you hear this on the news? Does it get on the 6:00 o'clock news on the television? No. Do you know what our news is all about? They spend days telling us about somebody that misused their dog or didn't feed their horse, or something like that. They will go on and on for three or four days, every episode about this event of somebody that mistreated some animal. These are bad, but come



on, give us some real news! You know, tell me what is going on in this world.

Someone doesn't want us to know. The Europeans don't have to have passports and we are going to have to have a passport to go over into Canada. Tell me something funny isn't going on! You don't hear that in the news either, about what the plans are for our country.

Anyway, let me get back to the word here. It says here, Revelation 2:26, **And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:** Do you understand? In the end, it isn't going to be these bankers and politicians that are going to rule the nations. It is going to be the people of God and this world is going to become the kingdom of our God. Verse 27, **And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.** The rod of iron is the shepherd's rod. That is not just meant to beat them down. ²⁸**And I will give him the morning star.** ²⁹**He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.** This is a message to the churches. Brethren, I think this is a message of hope. We are going to have the morning star. That is going to be our reward. How many of you want the reward of the morning star? Oh, but I do! I'll tell you, I want the morning star.

Let's get another picture of this same thing over towards the end of the Book. Revelation 22:16, **I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.**

Jesus said, "I sent My angel." The word *angel* means messenger. *Angel* can be a human messenger or *angel* can be heavenly messenger. How many of you believe that Jesus has His angels now preaching His Word in the churches? They could be human messengers. I say, we could be an angel of the Lord if we are following His instructions and bringing His Word. Any one of us could be the messenger of the Lord. We could be sounding the trumpet of the Lord. A trumpet is making an announcement.

Revelation 22:16, **I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root**

and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. That sounds like

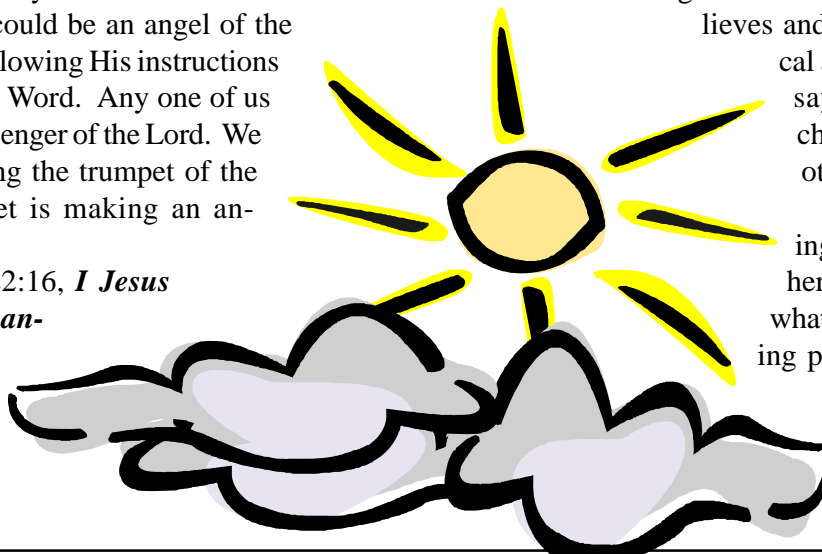
the Alpha and the Omega, doesn't it? The plant starts with the root. The offspring of the plant is the seed, isn't it? In other words, "I am the beginning and I am the end of David." What does David represent? Kingship, authority, dominion. Amen. He said, "I am." Don't you love it when He says, "I am"? I do. My goodness, that is who He is, "I am."


Verse 17, **And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.** Oh, bride of Christ, are you not saying, "Come, Jesus!" When you see this darkness that is around us sometimes don't you just cry out, "Oh, come, Jesus!" When you see this deterioration of this mortal flesh, "Oh, come, Jesus!" "Come, Jesus! Either You must come to me, or I want to come to You, but I really want You to come. I want the redemption of this world." Isn't that what you were praying today? For the redemption of all that we have corrupted on this world? This earth, let it be redeemed, let it be restored. It is going to be done by the bright and morning star.

There is a verse that comes just before this. I'm sorry that I can't just overlook these verses, but He is talking about that which is in and that which is out. Amen. The bride, the holy city, New Jerusalem would be that which is in. "Without" would be that which is outside. He says in verse 15, **For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.** My goodness, who "loveth and maketh a lie" would include just about every politician, wouldn't it? Do you know why I said that? Because they will say whatever they have to say to get what they want. How can a man who

has a genuine faith and believes what he believes and then because he has political ambitions somewhere he can say, "Oh, I'll just leave that church and I'll go and join another one."?

The same thing is happening with one of our candidates here. He finally got fed up with what his longtime pastor was saying publicly and said, "I'm leaving that church. I'm going to go somewhere else." For so many years he was loyal to this pastor, he





was his hero. Now it isn't going well politically, so "time to get out!" To me, this is making a lie. If you believe something, you believe it. If you don't believe something, you don't believe it so get out of it. But don't get out just because somebody criticizes it. If you believed it all along, stick with it.

Dogs. The term actually really means homosexuals. If you go back into the Old Testament and look in the Book of Exodus and look in the Book of Deuteronomy, that is what that term means. The term *sorcerers* here is equivalent to *pharmakeia*. Do you know what *pharmakeia* represents? Drugs, the drug business. Do you know what percent of American people use drugs, both legal and illegal? I believe it would shock us.

Do you realize that it simply flows like a river up from the south and through Mexico? We really don't want to close the border, do we? We want the drugs to come. You know that the president of Mexico is trying to stop it but his police chiefs are getting shot? The man's life is being threatened because he wants to stop the drug traffic. He has made an attempt and some of his chief men are resigning because their lives are threatened; they will not live if they continue to do what they are doing. He has lost some good men. From Mexico comes cocaine, and it flows right up from Columbia, Brazil and right up through there.

Brethren, the whole business is making a lie. We had a former President that was accused of trafficking drugs before he became president, into a special hidden airport to make money for his campaigns. He was a drug dealer. A former President who made lies.

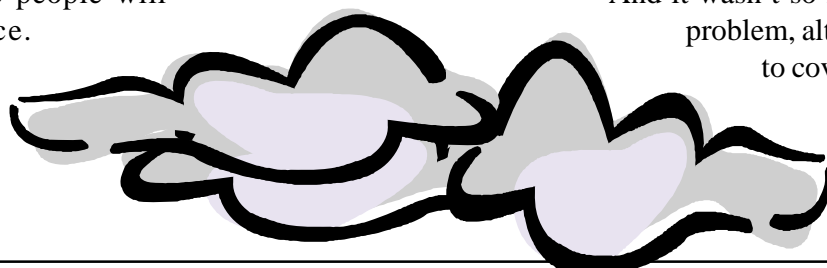
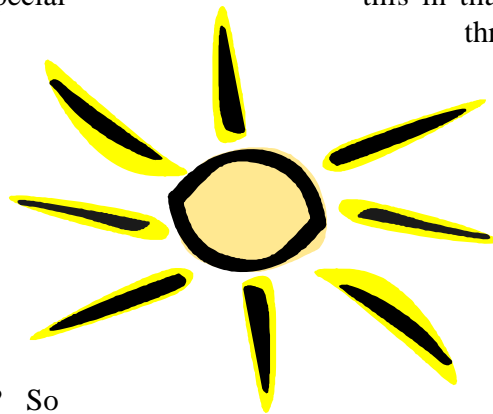
Anyway, we are talking also about the word *whoremongers* here. What it means is sexual immorality. By the way, here is another interesting statistic that I read. Hefner, the woman that is running her father's business, reported that her business is down 30% because of the current economy. Isn't that interesting? So when it comes to a choice between food and *porneia*, maybe people will make a choice. They said it was because of the economy. That is the


business that we are talking about.

...murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. The thing about making a lie - track it over here to Revelation 21:27. Apparently, this is really a big deal with God, this thing about being honest. Where does honesty reside in man? In his heart or in his tongue? It is really from the heart, isn't it? *And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.* Now, do you want another witness? Go back also in chapter 21 and start in verse 7 to see the positive side of this. *He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.* So, there you have everything to inherit if you are an overcomer. But here are the ones that won't be. Isn't it interesting that three times He lists the classifications of those that will not be in His kingdom? Verse 8, *But the fearful, and the unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.* So, you can track this whole thing about the liar.

Now, it has come to me recently, the picture of the throne of God. Remember the scene earlier in the Book of Revelation where they saw the throne and it was sitting completely on crystal? Now, brethren, I think this is a description of heaven. I am also reminded of this in that prophetic word that came through Brother Campbell, that everything is going to be open and naked and exposed. There will be nothing hidden. There will be no fig leaves to cover.

You see, what happened when Adam and Eve fell is that everything in them became open. In other words, they stepped into a place where they saw who they really were. And it wasn't so much the flesh that was the problem, although that is what they tried to cover. They became aware that God saw everything and what they were aware that God was seeing was their own pollution.





They had disobeyed, they had rebelled and they must have seen the lie in there somewhere. You see, they had bought the lie. So now the lie, THE LIE, became a part of them, the lie of their rebellion that they could be as God - or that they could be God. So, do you see why we have to allow the Lord to purge us of all of this that I have listed? All abomination, all *porneia*, all idolatry, all lying. Why? Because we are going to a place where it is crystal. If you come into heaven with these things, it is going to show up like a neon sign.

Repentance, brethren, cannot be in word only. We must cry out to God, "Change my heart! God, if I have a lying heart, I don't want a lying heart. I don't want a deceiving heart. Purge me of it. If I have lusts and longings for things that are contrary to the kingdom of God, purge me of them, oh, Lord." Then be ready to put up with the fire. I am telling you, brethren, I don't know any other way into the kingdom than by repentance. Repentance is not just coming up and getting on your knees and making a confession. That is a good start. You couldn't be bringing these things into heaven without it polluting all of heaven. You see, we are talking about the day star. If you are going to be a recipient of the day star, then your heart has to be just as crystal clear as what we are defining right here. You cannot be wishy-washy this way and then the other way.

Revelation 4:6, ***And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.*** Full of eyes - the human soul in that crystal clear place before the throne of God - eyes everywhere, seeing, observing. Nothing of pollution, nothing of abomination, nothing of idolatry, nothing of lying - total honesty, total openness. Can we deal with total honesty and total openness in a spirit of love? We haven't been used to that, have we? In love - in love is the only way we can deal with it, isn't it?

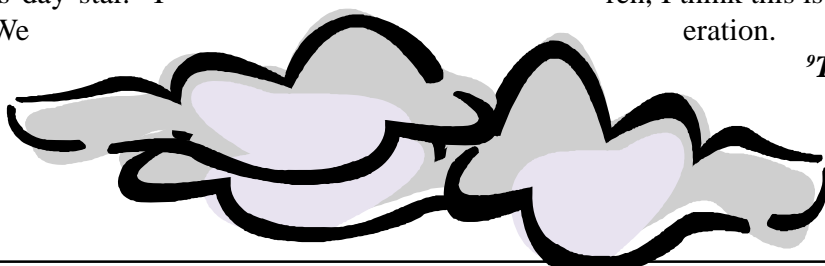
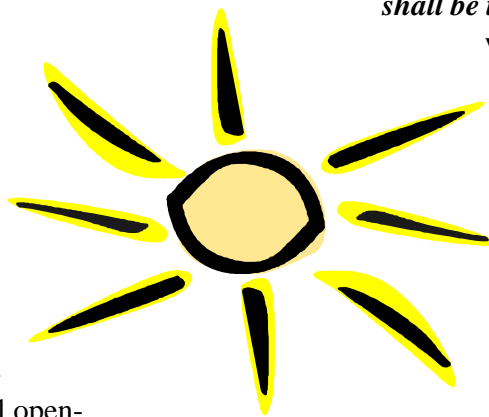
Let me go over into Isaiah just to pick up a few things about this day star. I love Isaiah 58. We are talking about fasting here in Isaiah 58. Let me just kind of

skip on from that. Isaiah 58:6, ***Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?*** We have to help somebody break free from their oppression and yoke by our fasting - some of these stubborn spirits that don't want to let go. ***Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?*** In other words, you are going to have to get honest with yourself. So many times I ask God, "Oh, God, do You find anything in me?" The problem is that I can't find it in me. Why? Because I am so immune to my own flesh. I mean, my personality isn't a problem to me, why should it be a problem to you? I live with it pretty well, it shouldn't bother you. Well, maybe I should be more observant? Maybe it is bothering somebody else. Maybe somebody else is really finding it obnoxious. This is supposed to happen when you fast, by the way.

All right, let's get down to the good news here. So we are not hiding from our own flesh. Isaiah 58:8, ***Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.*** Thine health! We want our health, don't we? Thy reward, which is thy rear guard. How many of you would like to see righteousness going before you? I mean, here you are walking through the mall and going before you is this great big ball of righteous anointing. Just see how people are reacting to this.

You are just coming on and there is the darkness of the world. The righteousness just hits the darkness of the world and they just pull to the side. You know? "What was that? What is in that guy? Whoa, righteousness is going before him. Wait, there is something going behind him, too!" Brethren, I think this is going to happen in our generation.

Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thy shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst



of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; How many

of you want the Lord to answer? Do you want answers to your prayer? How many of you want power in your prayers? The key, the secret here is, *thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am.* There it is again, "I am." "Here I am."

All right, here are some things that have to be done, too. Here are some negative things that have to be gotten rid of. *If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity.* What is the yoke? The yoke is bondage. Are we wanting to put yokes on people or remove the yokes? Putting a yoke on someone is like this: "Oh, you can't do that! You can't go there! I didn't approve that!"

We were talking to a young man just recently who had found a beautiful little woman who was to be his bride. He went to an elder in this group and the man said, "If you want the girl, you've got to come through me!" My goodness! That is a yoke! That is putting a yoke on people. That is discipleship and bondage. My, it is the worst kind of discipleship. It is bondage. God says if you want to get your prayers heard, take away the yoke. Let people be free to hear the Spirit of God themselves. Now, sure, if they are going the wrong way, warn them, but still they have the freedom to go the wrong way if they want to. God gives us that liberty.

...the putting forth of the finger.

What does the putting forth of the finger mean? It is the finger of accusation: "You did thus and thus." Oh, we don't just say it. We point to someone else and say, "Do you know what I know about them?" The accuser of the brethren is going to be what? Cast down. Let us cast down the accuser of the brethren in any ground that he has in us. It is not our business to accuse the brethren before the throne of God. The brother belongs to God, let God take care of him. Let us pray to God, "Lord, I think brother is in trouble. Help him." But we don't need to go around to others with our spirit of accusation. It is a terrible spirit. It follows some families. And you shouldn't pray to have them do what you think they should do. No, don't force

your prayers on them, that is witchcraft.

Isaiah 58:10, *And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:* I will quit there in that chapter. Your light will rise in obscurity. How many of you think we have been maybe kind of obscure? What does obscure mean? Well, nobody knows anything about you, kind of hidden away. Apparently, God wants you less obscure. He wants your light to be shining in such a manner that it can be seen so that others will be drawn to it. Then He says, *...and thy darkness be as the noonday.* We have talked about the darkness, even of our own soul. He says it is going to be like the noonday.

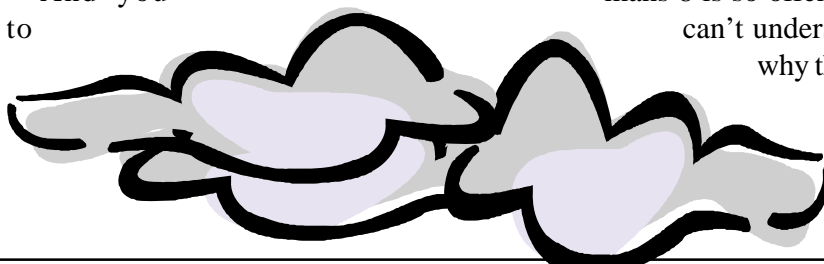
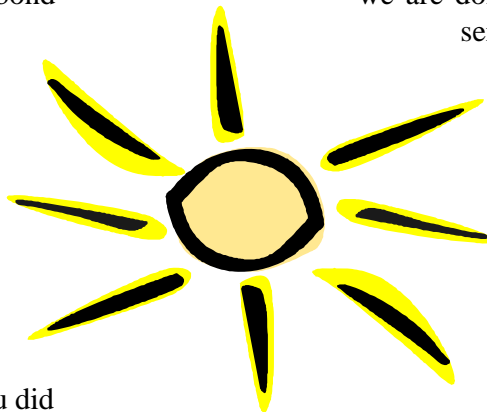
Now, go over to Isaiah 60:1, *Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.* Now we are talking about the day star. Well, in the natural we can say of the day star that we see the sun rise and we see the sun set. Sometimes when the sun sets there can be a beautiful sky. Sometimes the clouds are so beautiful with the colors in the sky. What


we are doing here is that we are an observer; we are only seeing it. We are seeing the glory of it, but that glory isn't on us yet, is it? We are just observing it. What place do you want to be? Do you want to just observe the glory of the kingdom of God? Or would you like the glory to be upon you? That sounds better, doesn't it?

Verse 2, *For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.* It is not just earth; it is people that are full of this darkness. So, the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee, and His light shall be seen upon thee. Now, that is still Old Testament yet. But it gets better than that. Do you want to stick with just having that glory on you or where do you want it? Yes, *in you!*

Let's go to Romans 8. I don't understand why Romans 8 is so offensive to some people. I just can't understand it. I don't understand why the mention of the words *sons*

of God gets some people so angry. I was out in the West years ago in a little fellowship and I just





mentioned *sons of God* and some people got so angry at us. They said, “Who are you? We thought we got rid of that talk about sons of God around here.” I said, “Well, brother, what do you want to do with it? Here it is in the Word of God. I can’t cut it out.”

The enemy has again corrupted the doctrine of the sons of God. He made something out of it that God didn’t say. He made a yoke of bondage out of it. All right, brother, but let’s see what God really did say about it. Romans 8:14, ***For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*** There is the definition of the sons of God. It is not an objectionable term. All it says is that you have to be led by the Spirit of God to be sons of God. If you are led by something or someone else, how can you be the sons of God? If you are led by your pastor, if you are led by your bishop, if you are led by your whoever or whatever, you can’t be the sons of God. “Sons” means that they relate directly to their Father. You can’t have another father; that is why Jesus said to call no man father. He didn’t want any substitute between the Father and us. Come directly to the Father. There is no other mediator between us and God. All right.

Verse 18, ***For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*** Where? In us! It is not something where you are going to be an observer, it is not something that is just going to be on you, but it is something that is going to be *in* you. There are three possible positions that you could be in: observer, on you, or in you.

Somebody was talking to me the other day and they were talking about the wedding. Where do you want to be in the wedding? Do you want to be in the audience? Do you want to be a bridesmaid? Or do you want to be the bride? You see, the audience is just being an observer. They are just looking on. The bridesmaids – well, they are participating, but they are not the one that is going to go home with the bridegroom when it is over with. Are they? They are not going to be joined to him. They are not going to be one with him. They are not

going to be married to him.

I want to be the bride. It is just another way of saying the same thing. The glory of the Lord revealed within us. My goodness! I could just see that picture again now. I don’t know how to define it. I wish I could.

What does it mean to have the glory of God in me? Imagine going about my business, going to the grocery store and the glory of God is in me. I mean, I am not coming in here with a striving nature or whatever. I want to come in here with the glory of God nature in me. When I talk to the man that puts the vegetables out, if I have communication with him, I would like to do it as if Jesus were encountering that man. Amen. I don’t want him to think, “Well, who was that crank?” I want him to think, “Wow! I never met anybody like that!”

“Who was that lady? Oh wow! I like her! I could make a friend of somebody like her.”

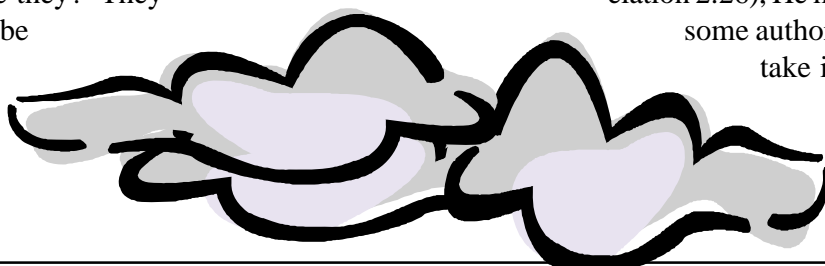
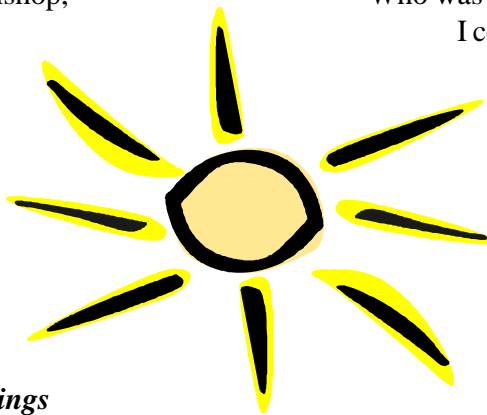
Then when difficulty comes, and yes, we are going to see disasters come and somebody is going to stand up and say, “Stop! Stop in the name of Jesus. You have come far enough, you terrible tornado. Stop now. You are not coming any further.”


And it is going to stop! Why? Because the glory, the glory of Jesus commanded the storm. He didn’t have to strive about it. He didn’t have to jump up and down and work up some anointing or anything. He just stood up in a boat and said, “Stop!” That was it.

Do you know something? The glory didn’t come and go. He didn’t have to work it up. He didn’t have to call it down. It was there. You know what? He could sleep with it.

I keep hearing that verse, “When once the master of the house is risen up...” Just like when He was asleep in the boat, “When once the master of the house is risen up...” What is He going to do? He is going to manifest His authority. When the Lord says, “Him that overcometh I will give to rule over the nations” (Revelation 2:26), He means that He is going to give some authority. Oh, we are not going to take it on our own. I mean, how

much authority does my hand have to hold the rod? No more authority than the head gives it.





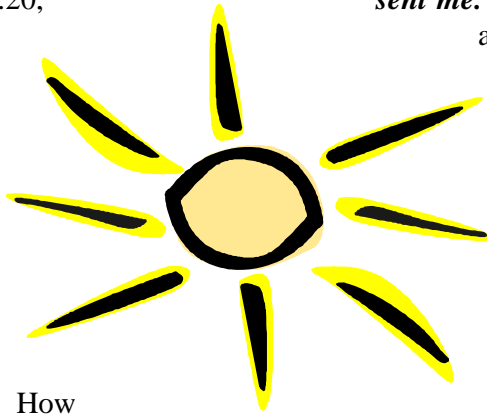
My hand is under dominion of my head. My brain tells my hand what it has authority to do with that rod that is in my hand. That is where the authority and the glory are going to emanate from.

Go to John. This is the Lord's Prayer, but it is not the one that the religious folks call the Lord's Prayer. But it is the real Lord's Prayer. John 17:20, ***Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;*** How many of you believe that is talking about us? In other words, the prayer is going forth for us. It started nearly 2,000 years ago and there is a prayer that is still going in power. ***²¹That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*** How well have we done on that in the last 20 years? Not very well, have we? We have been striving with one another, misunderstanding one another, quarrelling with one another and full of animosity. So, in other words, that prayer hasn't been fulfilled yet. How many of you believe that Jesus got every one of His prayers answered? That means that He is going to get this prayer answered. It is going to happen one way or another. We are either going to submit to the Lord in this or we are not going to be in His body. I suggest that we had better submit to the Lord that we might be one.

Do you know that we are going to have to get a whole different attitude about people that are a little bit different from us, those in the body of Christ that do things a little bit differently than we would like to have them done? I think we are going to have to make some changes. I think we have room for repentance, don't you? Do you know what? I have a feeling that maybe God is going to have us repent before He starts filling those empty chairs. We are going to love one another. I am going to ask God to change my idiosyncrasies and I am going to put up with yours and I am not going to complain about them. That is the way it ought to be. When your idiosyncrasies bother me, I'm just going to say, "Lord, I don't understand brother and I don't know but He is Yours so You take care of him. I am

going to try to love him, Lord." Really, isn't that all that I owe you? Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

John 17:21, ***That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.***



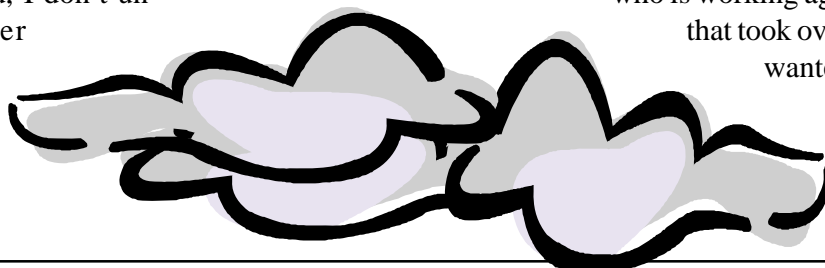
What kind of strife did Jesus and the Father have with each other? What kind of misunderstandings did they have? Did they have a problem putting up with each other? Why not? Because they are ONE. Do my soul and my flesh have a problem with each other? Well, they had better not, or I am going to be in a lot of trouble. My mind

and my flesh ought to agree with one another. When my mind says, "I want to go down here and go down the steps and get into my car," my flesh ought to be in agreement because it is one with me. I am one with me! My spirit, my soul and my body are one. The Father, Jesus the Son, the Spirit, they are One. There is no way that I can separate them. That is the pattern of oneness.

...that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. Do you know what is going to convince the world? Oneness. Oneness. A brother at the German Conference was saying, "Preferring one another - what does it matter who is first or who is last? What does it matter? Let the guy go first if he wants to go first." Yes, in Germany. It was a brother that was preaching, but I think it was the theme that was going forth at the conference. "What does it matter who is first?" Well, it is one thing to say it, but it is another to believe it. Let's not just say it, but let's believe it. Let's practice it. Amen.

John 17:22, ***And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:*** He didn't say, "I will give them." He said, "I give it to them now. It is theirs. They can take it. All they have to do is to be one and they will have it." Guess who is working against us being one? The one that took over the place of darkness, who wanted to be a king of darkness.

²³I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know



*that thou hast sent me,
and hast loved them, as thou
hast loved me. Hallelujah.*

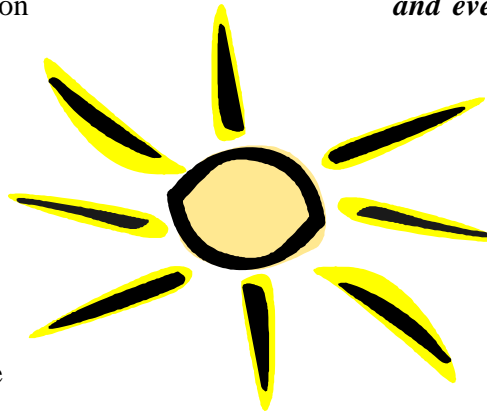
*dust of the earth shall
awake, some to everlasting
life, and some to shame
and everlasting contempt.*

Let me just give you one more definition of star in a very positive aspect. By the way, you know that the stars are going to fall - Matthew 24, Mark 13 - stars are going to fall. Religious stars, too, are going to fall. It says that they are going to fall from heaven. Stars are going to fall. But there is a very interesting verse that I want to leave with you from the Book of Daniel. Let's read all three or four verses, it would be a good place to end. This is talking about the end time.

Daniel 12:1, ***And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*** Who are God's people? We are God's people. We can claim Michael, too, the great prince. Amen. Yes, Michael belongs to us, too. We are talking about a time of trouble. Brethren, I am repeating what I am saying: The darkness that is coming is incomprehensible. You cannot comprehend it. I cannot comprehend it, but I know that it is something that I can't comprehend. I just see little pieces of it and when I see these things coming together in Europe, I know that it is at the door. I know that they are ready to put that thing in place January 1st, 2009. Frankly, I believe for them to pull it off, there has to be a major, traumatic event of some sort so that we will submit ourselves to this voluntarily. The great nations of the world will bow and give themselves to this power. Something so traumatic has to happen, something so great that the people of the nations would submit to that beast and once they have that submission, God help us.

I am reading to you from the Book of Daniel; the old prophets were prophesying these things already. Daniel saw it all. Let me read on. ***...and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*** You see, there is always a place of deliverance. Brethren, make sure **y o u r** name is in the book. Now, this next verse talks

about the resurrection. ***2And many of them that sleep in the***



He has a thousand years wrapped up in one sentence, the beginning and the end of the thousand year millennium.

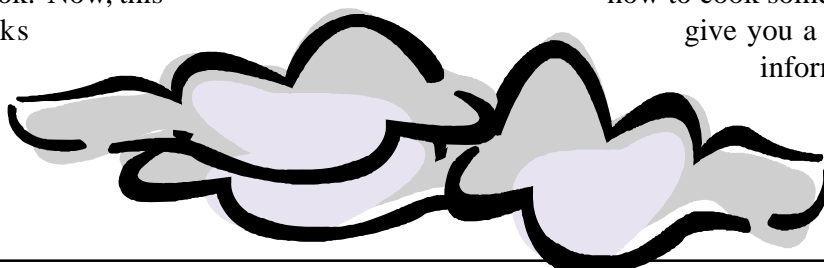
Here is the verse that I was looking for. ***3And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.***


My goodness! You can't imagine what God has for us. Can you imagine shining like that? Can you imagine the glory of the spiritual being that you are with that kind of glory? I mean, it is more than just a nice smile on your face. It is more than that; when you have that glory, you don't have to ask for power, you have it. It comes with the glory. ***...and they that turn many to righteousness.*** What does it take to turn somebody to righteousness? It is more than just an argument, isn't it? It is more than just a debate. It is the unction of the Holy Spirit, isn't it, brethren, that can turn people away from sin and to God? If you have the unction of the Holy Spirit, you have the glory. And they will shine as stars for ever and ever. ***4But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*** In other words, Daniel didn't understand what he was writing here. ***Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*** How many of you believe that that prophecy has been fulfilled in our time? Man, running to and fro. Think about it. We get on a plane and a couple of hours later we are on the other side of the ocean. Think about the knowledge. I don't think there is anything that you would want to know that you couldn't just go to the computer and "click, click, click." Google and Yahoo are the search engines for any knowledge that you want to have. Do you want to know how to grow apples? Type in "grow apples" and you will get the information. You want to know how to cook something? Type it in and it will give you a recipe how to cook it. Any information on any subject can be

found in just a few seconds.

Yes, just a few seconds.

We are living at the time of the end, brethren.




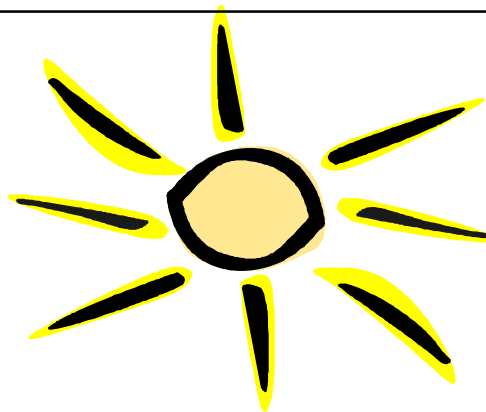


That means that the other thing that Daniel said, “a time of trouble, such as never was,” nor has ever been. Daniel also said to make sure that your name is in the book, because those are the ones that will be delivered. The glory of the Lord shall be in us. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Hallelujah.

Other Comments ~ New World Order (quoted from Europe May 2008 trip report by Mark Jantzi)

There are things happening in Europe that our news media is not telling us about. Perhaps they presume it is of no interest to us, while they spend days giving us ongoing episodes of a case of someone accused of abusing a dog or not feeding a horse properly. In Ireland we learned that they will again be voting on accepting a new constitution for the EU in what is called the Lisbon Treaty (Originally the Treaty of Rome, then the Maastricht Treaty). It seems Ireland is the only country where the population will actually vote for this acceptance and a lot of propaganda is being disseminated there. In the other countries the vote will be by the government official representatives. They plan to have their new EU order in place by January 1, 2009. The current presidency of the EU is held on a 6 month rotating basis among the 27 member states. The new charter will call for a president to hold a 2 ½ year term from which he can run for a second 2 ½ year term (an opportunity for a powerful and charismatic leader to emerge). His “election” will be made by the European Council (not by popular vote by the people). I see this as a potential slot for the man of sin (the antichrist) to come forth. We were told that Tony Blair is considering this position and has recently converted to Roman Catholicism in order to meet the requirement that the president must be a Catholic. He said he was really a Catholic at heart all along.

Another thing that has happened in Europe is the absence of borders. The former border crossing from Germany to Czech Republic is now nothing but empty, de-



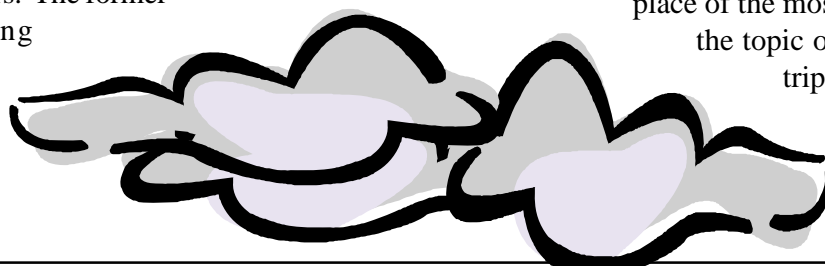
serted control booths. The brethren said we can drive all the way to Hungary without any border stops or passport checks (and here in the US we will soon need a passport to travel through

Canada). There are very few exceptions, of which Ireland is one (they didn't give up their border). Almost all of the money is now the Euro Dollar (exceptions still hold in some Eastern Europe countries (i.e. Czech, Switzerland, the UK and a few others with a weak currency). The Euro has now overtaken the value of our US dollar by 150%, the British pound by 200%. You do the math and see where we are headed.

The brethren that live under this system tell us that the controls of the EU are worse than they ever had under communism. It is nearly impossible for a farmer to operate in this system. The agriculture controls go so far as to define how many apples of what color can be produced and sold. Just before picking time some of the farmers must go out and spray color on their apples so they will meet the color conditions. It is against the law for any family to have and raise their own personal cow. A family is allowed only one pig. Fishermen are allowed only so many fish of a certain size (others must be thrown back, wasted). I could go on but from what we heard I think we have a flavor of this beast. The darkness that is coming is incomprehensible.

A nuclear war in late 2008 will be the perfect event to cast this beast into its prophetic end time place for their 2009 plans. I wouldn't be surprised that they would be the actual behind the scenes instigators or at least enablers of a nuclear spark to ignite the thing. Then when the world (including us here in the US) are screaming for food, fuel and wanting our lifestyle back at any cost, the great man of charisma (false Christ) will offer peace and safety... and food and money, if we will submit our sovereignty and everything else to him. It's about to happen, brethren, and we must run into the secret place of the most high. These end times was

the topic of all of our messages on this trip. I will try to make the recordings available to Gordon and Gary. We want to thank you all for your support and prayers. ☺



*Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it...
Song of Solomon 8:7*

I have so much for which to be thankful. God has been perfectly faithful to me and my house, just as He promised. He never left us nor forsook us, and has provided a most wonderful husband, for whom I am exceedingly grateful. Then, in the midst of wedding plans, God sent the most blessed people to stand beside me and help me at every opportunity. My dad and mom were integral in getting everything ready. Over and over again, Dad stepped in and played with the boys so that I could run to town to do wedding errands - just one more time! Mom worked so hard in the seamstress and planning departments - and was joined by my sisters, Bekka & Shannon, and even Bekka's mother-in-law, Meg! Decorating and flowers for the wedding came together because



*Nathaniel Dezny Chattic & Kathleen Louise Trotter were joined in Holy Matrimony on July 27, 2008.
The couple is residing in Mahomet, and they are very, very, very happy...and it's only just beginning... :)*

of the hearts and hands of the Sigwarth girls and the Imig family, in addition to my sisters and Shari. Megan was also a God-send, and I was truly blessed by her skill and gifts in getting me ready! My sisters, Sarah and Lisa, and my friend, Stacy, jumped in and poured out their hearts to make the meal at the reception turn out beautifully! That said, we can't forget all the cooks and bakers that turned out amazing dishes for the wedding. Dad & Mom Chatic, John, Pavlina, Ada, Bibi, Aunt Nancy, Melissa, Delaps, Becky, Debbie & Audrey did a fantastic job and I heard many compliments on the food! The musicians, Paul, Audrey & Craig made the day even more beautiful and joyous. Stephanie, Hannah, John, the Herrigs and the Wickboldts gave us permanent memories of the wedding with photos and recordings, as well as the live internet broadcast which was a blessing to so many people! I also have a special thank you that I owe to Shari. She watched over me like a mother hen, and came to my rescue in so many ways that I can't even begin to list them all. God really made a blessing when He made her. There were many other hands that helped as well - from groomsmen to children to our family in Christ, and I was simply amazed to see the love that was shown to us in all those who offered their assistance!

We are so thankful to be in a company of people whose kindness and generosity exceeded all of our expectations for the planning and coordinating of our wedding. We know God has bestowed a tremendous amount of gifts in the body. Those gifts were so evident in the midst of the planning stages. To everyone that put their hands to the plow in putting this wedding together, we are most appreciative of their efforts.

Last but absolutely not least, we most certainly want to thank the Lord for making this provision and for meeting every need with every decision and step that we had to take leading us to our big day.

God Bless You, Every One!

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO
RECEIVING MORE GUESTS
IN THE WEEKS AHEAD!

Now is the Time

*A reflection on the 2008
July Conference
by Sister Terry Smith*

The July conference met me as no conference has before. The Lord had been diligently and patiently working non-stop in this vessel to prepare me, not just for the conference, but for His coming return as well. There were many things in me that the Lord dealt with to deliver me mostly from ME. Not that I have attained by any means, but the Lord has been shining His light in my dark corners and through the tears and the repentance, I am not what I was before July 2008. Bless the holy name of the Lord. I needed a good bump from the Lord to shake and straighten and purge many things that I have grown to hate and that He has always hated.

In January, we received the word to ask for eye-salve, and to purchase gold and a white raiment (Revelation 3:18). I'm sure you all have been crying out to the Lord here as I have been. We also heard that the grain of wheat must die before it can bring forth any fruit and live (John 12:24). Well, I must admit that the dying hurts, but it is a necessary hurt and the way the Lord helps us and enlightens us as He does His work in us is that He makes any discomfort well worth the gain we find in Him.

Brother Martin brought the message of the different tools in the Body of Christ. Remember the toothpick and the air-hammer? I know I am not a mouth (except maybe to sing and praise) and I know that my calling is probably not even known by most as it is a quiet burning thing to continue as the Lord leads and run as fast as I can in the process towards the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. In the same respect, the Lord has been faithful to confirm and enlighten almost every question and vexing thing that I have laid at His feet. I know I am not one of the visible parts of the Body and, you know what? I don't care. I believe that my hard knocks in coming to where I am today were a necessary part of keeping me where the Lord is bringing me now. Let me rephrase that: If I had done it all right in the past, how could I come to a place of

hating my own flesh and abhorring all the things that made me be me five years ago? Because I've made so many mistakes as I've been "waking up" in the Lord I can easily see that there is no good thing in me save the Lord Jesus Christ. I'm sure you have all come to this place a long time ago. Praise the Lord.

Brother Paul and Peter and all our brethren in the Bible give me such hope that my past has been thrown into the depths of the sea just like Paul's and Peter's and Moses' and David's and all of the wonderful examples and types that the Lord has given us to encourage us on in Him. If these wonderful brethren can be such a blessing for us today, what hope and encouragement that is for us as we continue this end-time walk.

When this July 2008 Illinois conference began, it was the first conference that I have been to that I knew I was nothing and He is all. Surely none of you ever had a time finding that out. I had difficulty with that. Sometimes it has been difficult to balance the SON OF GOD WITH THE POWER AND THE MIGHT with the SERVANT ATTITUDE and the MEEK AND LOWLY HEART. I seemed to have had a lot of difficulty with all of these things and the Lord simply dumped me on my head and made it very clear that **CHANGE IS REQUIRED - WHETHER I THINK I NEED IT OR NOT**. This did hurt, but we don't go by feelings, right? We walk by faith. Through it all, the Lord has been preparing this vessel - He still is - but I know, **I know** He shall complete the work which He has begun.

The solemn assembly in May was a breakthrough time for me personally. I went to this gathering and was totally blessed as the Lord lifted up brother after brother with encouragement and edifying and blessing in the various prophecies given. THEN a brother that had been very quiet got up and shared and I was totally blessed that the prophecy of the Lord had broken that thing that bound him. I won't speak names,

but you all know what a joy it is to see the brethren rising up in the Spirit of the Lord. The messages the Lord gave our brethren to share with us were so timely and encouraging. We are so blessed, brethren. The Lord wants us to overcome more than we do and He is such a wonderful Teacher and Lord to us all. His messages through our brothers built, adding more lines and more precepts to what we have believed already of the Word.

Now, the 2008 July Conference came and with the work the Lord had been doing, I could see the difference from what I was last conference and what my heart was this July conference. I was very encouraged in the Lord. Much of what was shared was confirmation and strengthening - but the disease of unbelief? Whoa. When these things were ministered I found that many things were explained to me that I had been distressed by but didn't quite know what to do with. I also found more questions I had given to the Lord being answered and confirmed through the brethren and the ministry. Again, the messages from the Lord through our brethren continue to build and add line and precept to what we have already believed.

I feel so very blessed and so very much in love with the Lord, yet I know that Gethsemane is around the corner. You know what, though? Because of what I went through when I was first awakened, what could possibly be worse? Because of this I feel hope and faith and encouragement in Christ Jesus my Lord. If we were in a big dark hole, how can walking in the light possibly seem anything but a blessing? There is no place for depression. We have to feel "GOODER" no matter how we physically feel. Our spirit is in heaven with our Father and our soul is being transformed into the new creation man that we have heard so much about - **HOW CAN WE NOT FEEL BLESSED?**

Well, I can think of four reasons why we might not feel blessed; also a few Scriptures that might shed a little light on these four reasons. The Scriptures have really helped me and I pray that they help you, also. Here are the four things that might depress us or hinder us from flowing in the Lord.

1. The accuser of the brethren is bothering you.
2. You think you are the only one or you feel alone.
3. You think your salvation is a sure thing the way you are.
4. You don't believe.

1. The accuser of the brethren is bothering you.
First of all, we are told in Revelation 12:10 the key to Revelation 12:11 which reads, **And they overcame**

him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Haven't you wondered who they were overcoming? The devil? Well, yes, but specifically we are told what nature of the devil needs overcoming: the accuser of the brethren. Let's look at the verses again. Starting with verse 10, **And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.**

So, you see that specific nature of the devil needs to be overcome for this Scripture to be fulfilled in each of our souls in Christ (as well as all His other natures).

What is the accuser of the brethren? Anytime the thought comes that somebody doesn't like you or is looking at you wrong, or they didn't miss you, they think you are foolish, or nobody cares about you, or you are all alone or anything like that, it is the accuser of the brethren that brings those thoughts to us. They are all lies. The Body of Christ loves us all and not one of my brothers or sisters would think such a thing. It is not real; it is the accuser of the brethren. Don't allow it to get you to believe it.

Why does the accuser of the brethren accuse us? That is his job, unfortunately. It is stated in verse 10. **AND it is our job to stop him** or to not listen to him or to know the truth and the truth shall set you free.

It is easier to see how he accuses others to us through gossip, slander, and backbiting. Those are more visible evils that we are not walking in any more; God has delivered us from them. **BUT** if you can't be gotten to gossip or slander another what would be the next step of the enemy? **To accuse you to yourself.** Well, we need to be alert in the spirit and recognize these attacks of the enemy. We need to remember who we are: a purchased possession of Jesus Christ. Our sin has been washed by the Blood of Jesus Christ and "cast into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19). "There is therefore now no condemnation in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). So, whatever you feel the Lord has put in your heart to help you realize that these accusations are not real, that they are lies of devil and that we need to find the Scriptures that will bring them to a halt in our own minds, ask God and He will give you what you need for your own personal warfare. Ask Him for knowledge and He is faithful and just to give us liberally because He loves us (James 1:5-6). Ask for the

“perfect” gift (James 1:17). That is the one that best meets the need!

So, now we no longer need to be moved when we are told we are this or that - if it doesn't line up with the Word of God, it is not true. Don't believe it any longer. Besides, if to overcome this accuser of the brethren is an attribute of the Bride of Christ and the overcomer, I want victory over this accuser of the brethren, don't you?

2. You think you are the only one or you feel alone.

Well, I happen to have a very well used verse to attack this malady. (I say “well used” because this verse has blessed and encouraged me many times.) You know the story of how Elijah thought he was the only prophet left and the Lord told him in I Kings 19:18, ***Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.*** Simply, this tells me that whenever I feel like the only one, I remind myself that God has others out there who love Him and serve Him. It reminds me that what I think is not always true if it is not in line with the Word. Again, it is by faith, not sight.

Here is another verse: Malachi 3:16, ***Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.***

I see a whole entourage around each one of us when I think of this Scripture. We have Christ in us. The Father is in Christ in us. Then we are in Christ with Father in Christ and also Father all around everything around us. How is that for company? Praise the Lord! Well, look at the verse - when they spake of God and when they thought of God, a book of remembrance was written. It has to be a book in the heavenlies, as I have never seen one of these books, have you? BUT I do believe this Word and when fear tries to get me or “alone-ness” tries to get me, I know I have a whole entourage around me and also that “Greater is He that is within me than he that is in the world” (I John 4:4) and “there be more with us than those that be against us” (II Kings 6:16). “We also are compassed about by so great a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1). HOW BLESSED WE ARE!!!

Also, I think of this in the converse and am very aware that there is a counterpart that probably keeps records of our wrong thoughts/words to use to accuse us to God and to ourselves. We want to eliminate ourselves from the enemy's books and we want to keep God's angels very, very busy writing our thoughts and

words as we keep our minds stayed on the Lord. We want lots of books written in God's kingdom on our behalf. Brethren, I really believe this Scripture is true and that is why God has it written here to bless us. I know you believe it, too.

3. You think your salvation is a sure thing the way you are. You don't need to change.

This is something that has been a bother to a lot of us through the years, I am sure. It has been before me that last while and I have found a few Scriptures to teach us some of the truth of this word.

Bless Brother Paul for saying this for you and me. I Corinthians 9:27, ***But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away.***

If Brother Paul was concerned about being a cast-away, how much more should we be concerned of this also? Paul tells us many times that we need to press on, continue in the faith, and that we need to forget the past and look to the high calling in Christ Jesus. He frequently encourages us to be diligent and to not let up in our desire to “come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God” (Ephesians 4:13) and to grow in Christ. If my brother didn't want to be a foolish virgin and didn't want to miss God when the door shut, how much more should I be concerned and prayerful about these things, also.

Philippians 2:12, ***Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. With fear and trembling*** is not taking it lightly - it is not assuming it is a done deal and God will fix me with His magic wand. If we really get serious with God we will find that anything that causes us to be at ease, or to not move forward in the Lord, is somehow a left-over from the rapture theory which produces laziness in spiritual walks and eliminates the need for holiness and righteousness in our walks with the Lord. “Be ye holy as I am holy” the Lord says many times. Notice that He never said, “Rest and be at ease and **I will make you holy.**” He always commands, “Be ye holy.” Also, in Revelation 19:7b, it says, ***And his wife hath made herself ready.*** This is speaking of the bride of Christ. Even in the natural, what bride just sits down and waits for the wedding without preparing and arranging and giving the situation MUCH ATTENTION? Even the ungodly brides prepare themselves for their weddings, how much more should we be preparing for an eternity with Christ?

4. You don't believe.

The fourth reason why we might not feel blessed in this end time is because we don't believe. I know that we don't like to consider ourselves in this light, but it is something that after the 2008 July Illinois conference it should be taken before the Lord seriously. I asked the Lord to show me where I had this in my heart and I forget the actual thing, but it was something that shaded other areas of the Word because in the past I believed a lie. When the Light of God shone on it I was surprised and repented and asked the Lord to teach me His ways there. The Light of God and the gift of repentance are always available and God is more than willing to help us if we ask Him. I asked Him and I still ask Him as I know I can't see what is in there without His light.

This Scripture was brought to my attention by the Holy Spirit and it says it all. This was quickened to me while in my car one day. Jehoshaphat was speaking to Jerusalem. II Chronicles 20:20b, ***Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper.***

Do we believe? We all want to be established in the Lord, which is a spiritual establishing. We all want our tabernacles built up strong and our souls to be well-guarded against the enemy. We all want the armour of the Lord to be in place as we press on into battle, right?

I asked God if I had unbelief in my heart and He found some subtle ones that I dealt with immediately. I was surprised; I thought I believed, but I found little gray areas that I had excused away for whatever reason that the Lord wanted to cleanse and bring to the Light. "Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief." Amen.

Look at this again. ...***Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.*** It is two part. Did you notice? First, we are to believe God that we might be established in the Lord. We all want that. Next, we are commanded to believe His prophets that we might prosper. Do we believe His prophets that He is sending us? It is line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little (Isaiah 28:10). If we are building a house in the natural and we miss the block over by the wall, holding up the house, or we don't put part of the wall in because we can't see it when we open the front door, our whole house is affected by this one little line or precept that is not put in our house/temple. If we miss a part that is not strong and secure, you-know-who will be right there trying to get in that weak part, like rats under the floor.

Okay, we all can see that I believe, but what about that prosper part? If one verse by God is half spiritual (establishing), the other half would be also spiritual (prospering), right? When this verse was first brought to my attention I was thinking of the lies that tell us "prosperity." God would not give me half a phrase in the spiritual and then go give me the other half in the natural. As far as the prosperity teachings that hit us all around, I want to be like Jesus who was too busy obeying the Father and preparing a spiritual realm for us to walk in to be thinking of money in the natural. If I am truly going to walk as my Lord, natural prosperity cannot be a motivation or a goal. It was never a motive or a goal for Jesus and I want to be like Him, therefore I must seek a higher realm and a greater (eternal) reward.

Also, if I want this temple of mine to be established and strong and I want God to eternally prosper me, then I must obey His commandment to OBEY THE PROPHETS that bring me Christ Jesus and the truth of the gospel. (Of course, we don't obey Outer Court "prophets" and they basically don't have complete 5-fold ministry anyway.)

There is also Hebrews 13:10 that says, ***We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.*** I believe we are not to just be satisfied being a Kohathite, but we are to strive to be of the Levitical priesthood, a royal priesthood. If I am a holy priesthood, an holy nation, a Levite of the end time, my inheritance should be CHRIST. The natural Levite had no inheritance - "I the Lord am their inheritance." How can we possibly be thinking natural prosperity? It is not the mind of Christ. "All of my springs are in Thee, O Lord. Thou art mine inheritance. Thou maintainest my lot." If we believe the Word and if we believe the prophets of the Lord, some ways of thinking must be dealt with by the Blood of Jesus Christ and repentance and CHANGE.

I truly believe that this 2008 July Illinois conference was a blessing just that we were allowed to be able to get together. If we have another conference it will also be a blessing. The Lord is being so wonderful to shake us and to blow the chaff out of our souls and to shake and to blow and to shine and to comfort and to water and to wash and to cleanse us. We have the most wonderful God ever imaginable. He is so excellent to us! May the Lord help us to "make ourselves ready" for His soon coming. God bless you all. What could be of such value to keep if it means to miss the glory of Christ Jesus within? I haven't found anything yet, not even myself. Have you? ☺

God sees Everything

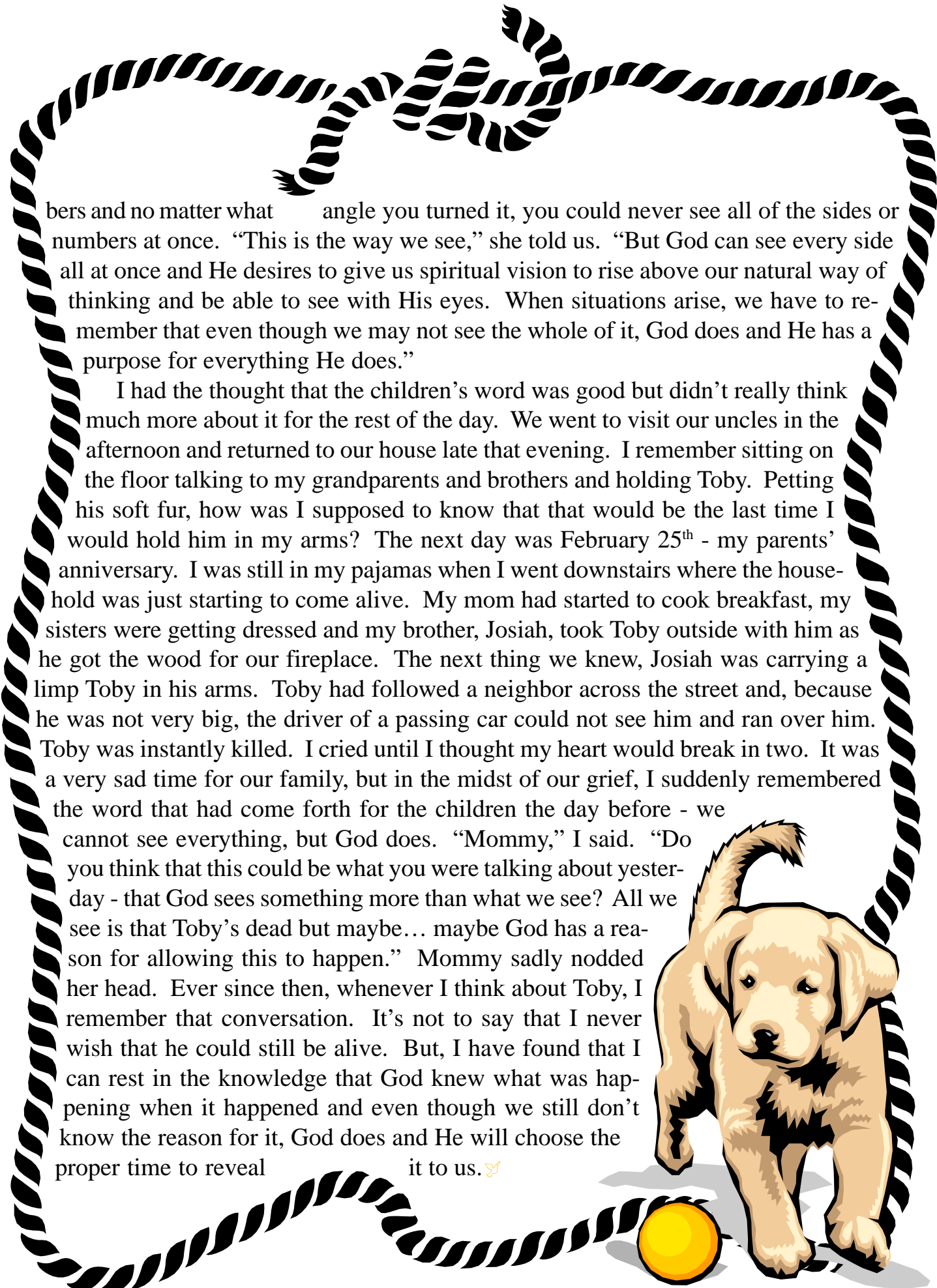
By Johanna

I would like to share with you something that happened last February to our family. We had gotten a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel dog from a friend on August 25th, 2007. He was just a puppy, not even a year old. We named him Toby and we all loved taking care of him. He had the sweetest disposition, his markings were beautiful and he had the biggest, brownest eyes I have ever seen. Even though he sometimes got into trouble, we still loved him. As he was just a puppy, we had to work with him to sit, stay, heel, and NOT to escape out the door when it opened. It was fun to have a dog of our own to play with and cuddle with as he sat on your lap.

Fall came and went, leaving winter to settle in. Playing in the snow with Toby, sitting in front of the fireplace with him - yes, I loved him very much. Life was wonderful with Toby and now that I think about it, the time we had with him was probably the best of my life.

In February, my Grandpa and Grandma Herrig came down for the weekend and I was going to go back up to Dubuque with them. It was that Sunday that my mom shared the children's word in our church. She showed us a box which had a number on each side. When you looked at the box from the front, you could only see some of the num-





bers and no matter what angle you turned it, you could never see all of the sides or numbers at once. “This is the way we see,” she told us. “But God can see every side all at once and He desires to give us spiritual vision to rise above our natural way of thinking and be able to see with His eyes. When situations arise, we have to remember that even though we may not see the whole of it, God does and He has a purpose for everything He does.”

I had the thought that the children’s word was good but didn’t really think much more about it for the rest of the day. We went to visit our uncles in the afternoon and returned to our house late that evening. I remember sitting on the floor talking to my grandparents and brothers and holding Toby. Petting his soft fur, how was I supposed to know that that would be the last time I would hold him in my arms? The next day was February 25th - my parents’ anniversary. I was still in my pajamas when I went downstairs where the household was just starting to come alive. My mom had started to cook breakfast, my sisters were getting dressed and my brother, Josiah, took Toby outside with him as he got the wood for our fireplace. The next thing we knew, Josiah was carrying a limp Toby in his arms. Toby had followed a neighbor across the street and, because he was not very big, the driver of a passing car could not see him and ran over him. Toby was instantly killed. I cried until I thought my heart would break in two. It was a very sad time for our family, but in the midst of our grief, I suddenly remembered the word that had come forth for the children the day before - we cannot see everything, but God does. “Mommy,” I said. “Do you think that this could be what you were talking about yesterday - that God sees something more than what we see? All we see is that Toby’s dead but maybe... maybe God has a reason for allowing this to happen.” Mommy sadly nodded her head. Ever since then, whenever I think about Toby, I remember that conversation. It’s not to say that I never wish that he could still be alive. But, I have found that I can rest in the knowledge that God knew what was happening when it happened and even though we still don’t know the reason for it, God does and He will choose the proper time to reveal it to us. 🐦





Summer Youth Camp



**But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly:
wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath
prepared for them a city. Hebrews 11:16**

By Stacy Asbill

This year was the first time I have been to youth camp in five years and to say that I was extremely blessed and encouraged would hardly even begin to describe it!

The theme of this year's camp was on *The Pilgrim's Progress* written by John Bunyan. Many of us are familiar with this book as it is the most famously published Christian allegory. As I have been thinking about the story of Christian and his journey from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City, I am amazed at how exactly this story represents the story of our lives; no matter what your struggles may be or where you may find yourself, you will find a parallel in *The Pilgrim's Progress*.

The very first evening at camp we found ourselves in the City of Destruction. How this was represented was that the dining hall was made dark and there were pictures of different countries hanging from the ceiling with spotlights on them. All of us were crowded into this space and ahead of us was the well lit meeting hall. Evangelist stood at the doorway of the meeting hall and told us that our country would be destroyed and that we were to "Flee from the wrath to come!" He directed us to go towards the light and as we entered the meeting hall, we began that evening's meeting. From that point on, each day of camp followed the progression of Christian's journey to the Celestial City. Sometimes, while in the midst of a meeting, a character from the book would appear and give us instruction or encouragement.

The crafts the children did were meaningful to the theme and were also well-timed as to when the children would need them. For example, one day the children made pouches that they wore around their waists. Now, on that same afternoon, we journeyed from the Wicket Gate to the Palace Beautiful. Along the way, Christian comes to the Cross and there he loses his burden of sin. As part of the activity, the children went to the cross, were freed from their burden of sin and angels appeared and gave them 5 gospel coins and a scroll. They were instructed that to enter the Celestial City they would need these items. The next day in crafts the children painted key chains and each received a key that was then attached to their pouch. This would serve them when they had need for that Key of Promise when they came to Doubting Castle.

Each afternoon was filled with activities that continued on with the theme of Pilgrim's Progress. In fact, the whole of camp, whether it was the meetings, the crafts, the activities or the skits, all naturally flowed together in the progression of Christian's journey. I think the thing that blessed me so much about the activities was the response of the children. Although there were physical activities interwoven into the journey of that afternoon and the children really enjoyed themselves, they also took the activities very seriously. Instead of looking at the Walls of Salvation, the Cross, the Hill of Difficulty, the Valley of the



Boys



& Girls

Shadow of Death, Vanity Fair, and Doubting Castle from a bystanders' perspective, the children really immersed themselves into the moment as if they were really in those positions. For example, I was with the older kids when they were put in Doubting Castle and as they began to pray together, one of them prayed that the activity would become a reality in their lives and began to ask God to forgive them for doubting and that they would remember the Key of Promise that God has given to each one of

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us. I believe that God really brought a reality of the activities to each one of us at camp and I am sure we will never look at Pilgrim's Progress the same way now that it has been brought from the pages of the book and made a reality in our lives.

Each morning we would start our meetings with praise and worship. Then we would receive the word from Brother Craig Chattic. The messages Brother Craig shared were very encouraging and insightful. Each day's portion fit exactly into the flow of our journey for the day. The messages reminded me of what you might find in boot camp or basic training; they instructed us in how to be good soldiers for Jesus yet were very practical in how to apply the Word in our every day lives.

On the natural end of things, it was a huge blessing to see everyone working together to make the camp a success. There was no part too small and everyone working together made it flow so well. When you go to camp, coming from the position of being a parent, you are not just there as a bystander or to make sure your kids behave (although that is important, too!). But you will see a slot that needs to be filled or maybe you will be asked to do this or that and soon you will find yourself being a part and being very blessed to not only see, but also to partake.

Even though I already mentioned this when we were sharing about camp in our Sunday



Waiting at the cross

morning meeting, I will repeat it again here: if you are ever feeling discouraged, go to youth camp or watch the tapes from youth camp because you will not feel discouraged for very long! The exuberance of the children as they praised the Lord was so infectious. All week long the joy of the Lord and the hope that we have in Him was ever present in our midst.

In closing, I want to express a huge "thank you" to all those who labored so diligently at camp. There was so much planning that went into everything and many thanks to the Dubuque fellowship for hosting the camp and la-

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to make it a blessing to all who came. Connie Hutchison and Erick and Cheryl Gassman were the camp cooks and they did a marvelous job. Every camp I have ever been

to, even as a young girl, has always had Sister Connie as the cook and camp wouldn't be the same without her big smiles and warm heart! Another thing that I do want to mention also is our tremendous gratitude to the diligence of Katie Sigwarth and all those who helped her with the children's choir. Katie has worked with the children throughout the years and they have come to love choir. At the end of camp the children always sing for all the adults all that they had been practicing in choir; let me tell you that when they sing together, it sounds like angels singing. Anyway, those are just a few examples of what so many did and gave to make camp the wonderful time that it is. We thank God for the opportunity He gave us to go to camp and to be so tremendously blessed - young and old alike! May the Lord strengthen and encourage each one of His pilgrims on our



The back of our shirts



3-8 year olds



In the meeting

journey to the Celestial City!

But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city (Hebrews 11:16).

By Melissa Trotter

I have to confess I was not very thrilled with the idea of going to camp this year. I had gone the previous two years and taking little children by myself on the trip was hard work. But the Lord said, “Go! You are not doing it for you, you are doing it for your children.” Well, that was the motivation - to go so that the children could receive the benefit of a time with the Lord created just for them. What I didn’t know about

before I left was that God had a blessing for me in store, too! All I was focusing on was the past and how it had been before, but I should not have been looking back but looking forward and pressing on toward the prize. And, come to find out, that was the theme of camp! The main message of Pilgrim’s Progress is to keep your eyes on the Celestial City, the prize, and not wander from the path that leads there. There were quite a few characters we met at camp who had turned from the way to the Celestial City and were going back to where they had come from. Unfortunately, those ones did not have any good come to them. I just have a few things to share that stood out to me about camp.

I think this was the best camp I have ever been to. The theme of Pilgrim’s Progress and how they put together the crafts, activities, skits, preaching, etc. was excellent. The presence of the Lord was over the place and you could sense it by the Holy Spirit. Every single meeting, the Lord met us and we had some excellent times of praise and worship. There was one meeting where we were singing “Arise and Sing, ye Children of Zion.” It says, “Open up your hearts and rejoice before Him!” We were encouraged to put our hands up in a manner that showed how much we wanted Him. In other words, if they were up just a little, it really represented how little we were willing to have Him come into our hearts, but when we totally raised our hands up as far as we could, it really manifested the true heart’s desire to have Him come in a lot. Children are very “hands on” and just telling them to reach their hands up to grasp ahold of God and let Him pour something into them was powerful. A physical, natural act of raising hands also brings deliverance to the heart as you reach up and touch Him. I think of the verse where Jesus said we must become as little children, and those children were so obedient. I don’t think there was a single arm down during that song. And God came! It was marvelous.

One small part that stood out to me was a letter that the children received from the Interpreter, a character in Pilgrim’s Progress, on the first day. I think it is so apropos to our day to day lives, so I want to quote it here.



Greatheart

Everyone at Camp!



1. *Keep watch*
2. *Flee the pleasure of the world*
3. *Safety depends on courage*

Take heed to what I have told you and remember what you see. For you might meet people along your journey who think they are on the path to the Celestial City, but the path they are on leads to death. Keep in mind all that you learn for it will encourage and uplift you in the way you must go. God Speed, my children, The Interpreter

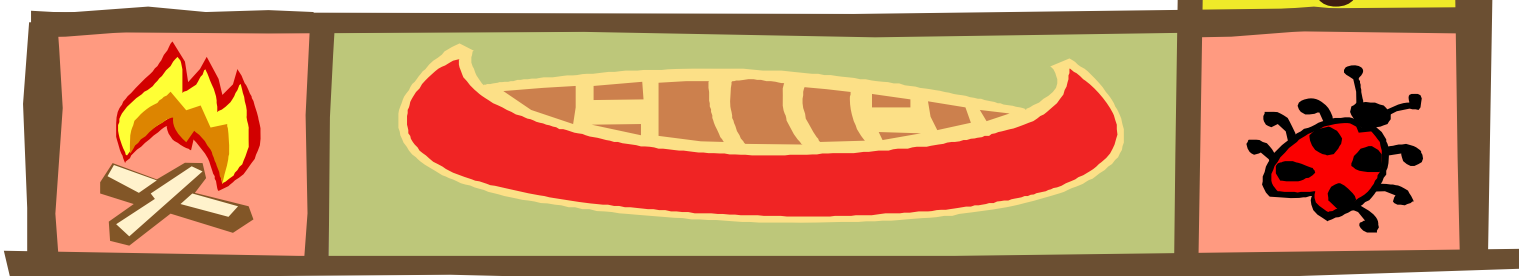
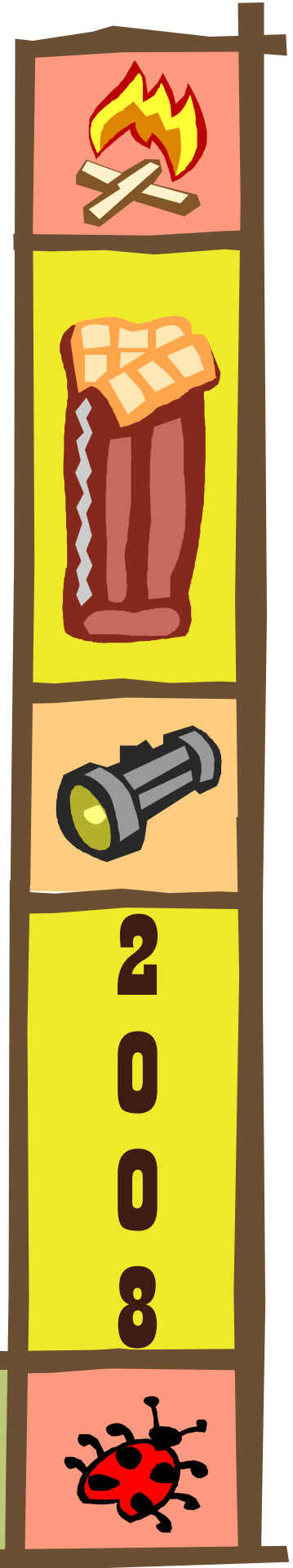
Don't be fearful of lions; watch your step.

There is so much we have been told and things we have seen. And every day, the devil's lies come to us and intend to lead us away from the path to life. I might put this simple message on my refrigerator just to remind me what I am to do every day!

There was a day where the children had to pass through Vanity Fair. In Pilgrim's Progress, Christian and his friend, Faithful, are captured by the wicked people, falsely accused and Faithful ends up martyred for his faith. About 13 adults dressed up and acted as people of Vanity Fair, putting two of the children on trial (the children knew they were going to do this, before it happened). They sat and brought their accusations and railed on the children and at the end converged upon them, pretending to beat and kill them. But in came two angels from the side door and took Faithful out, representing that he had died and went to the Celestial City and Hopeful came up the center aisle and rescued Christian. Even though all the adults were just acting and pretending the whole trial, it was powerful and very realistic how the enemy works. Someday, some of us, including the children, will be made to pass before governors and wicked men and hear those type of accusations directed at us, and I pray that our response will be like Christian and Faithful's - they were faithful unto the end.

The last thing that touched me was the last skit we watched. It was supposed to demonstrate the very end of Pilgrim's Progress where he crosses the dark river before entering the Celestial City. In the skit, two men are in Africa, they have contracted malaria, and they are both dying. One is a Christian and one is not. The Christian insists on giving his friend the last of the pills to cure him. So, the Christian is dying and his friend is well and cannot understand why the Christian gave his life for him, but the Christian gently shows him the way of salvation. The skit was a video and as the man is dying, it shows him swimming a river, floundering in the middle and then given the strength by the Lord to make it across, where he comes up dressed in white. After he dies, the other man is reading his Bible and gives his heart to the Lord. ***Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends*** (John 15:13). This skit was well done and it impacted me because of the love that the Christian had - that he would rather die than see his friend die and go to hell. That is probably the highest calling that Jesus could give because that is what He Himself did. And we have an even greater hope, because as we give our lives for the Lord at the end of time, He is going to raise us up so that we even overcome death.

The whole camp brought a reality to me and, hopefully, to the children of the spiritual realm and the realness of eternity that is here with us, even in our very natural lives. We are taking a journey in our lives that is extremely real and who we listen to and where we go has a tremendous impact on where we end up. 🕊



Dwelling in the Secret Place

Praise God. *The Lord is my light and my salvation.* I was just reading in Isaiah 26 and that is another part of the covenant of the covering. Psalms 27:1, *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ²When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. ³Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. ⁴One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.*

It is a wonderful privilege to be here in Florida and to be speaking to you in Illinois. I want to say, first of all, what a blessing it is for me to sit here and to see you all. You know, all the old time friends and the brothers from Africa that I have not seen for a long time. Praise be to God. It is a wonderful privilege.

God has given me a word that is really burning on my heart for you and for us. You know that we are in a very serious time and that we have never been in this time before. But I wanted to tell you what a blessing it is for us. You have been praying for Sister Mavis and God has certainly touched her. She is here right now and would like to say 'hello' to you. Praise be to God.

Sister Mavis duCille:

We thank God each day for His mercies. We thank

God that we are able to look at the congregation, to hear them and participate even though we are not there. We praise God that it is not the physical that brings the blessing, but it is the spiritual and the Spirit in the physical. So, we thank God. The Word says that whatever state we are in, we will praise Him. Thank the Lord. It is so good to see all and to hear the singing and the praise and the worship. We are looking forward to a wonderful convention. I hope that the blessing of the Lord will reach home to all who are there and to all who are in need of the blessings at home. But the Lord will transform things that all will be to His praise and glory. Amen.

Brother Cecil duCille:

Praise God. Thank you, brethren. I want to greet you all again to tell you how blessed we are to see you here in the United States. Also, for all of my old friends from all over that I have not seen for a long time, I want you to know how blessed I am just to sit here and to see you there in the congregation.

The word that the Lord has given me is taken from Psalm 91. We are speaking about the very first verse. Amen. God is saying to us that He will put us under the shadow of the Almighty. Now, there is a time to be out from the shadow and there is a time to be under the shadow. What God is saying to me at this very time is that I must warn His people that it is time. It is time for us to be **under** the shadow of the Almighty God. Hallelujah.

Why would I want to be under the shadow? Why at this time? Because no other time in the history of humanity has ever been like this time. There have been some times that were similar to this, times when there was destruction pending and God would draw His people closer to Him. God would tell them to do certain things that would put them in a place where they would be closer to Him and would be under His shadow. Hallelujah. But now God is speaking to us and He is saying to us, "Come, My children. Come, let Me hide you for a while till the indignation be past."

Hallelujah. Let us look at Psalm 91:1, ***He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*** Now, if you notice, there are certain parameters. You have to be a dweller in the secret place. Now, what God called the secret place was really the Holy of Holies. Hallelujah. The priest only went in to the Holy of Holies once every year. It would seem to me that the end of year in the sacrifices is a type of the end of time in our time.

I don't know if you understand it so let me go over the whole year of sacrifices from the very beginning. From the very beginning of the year right down to the end of the year they all depict the beginning of time to the end of time. Every year the Jews, the people of God, were asked to go over and over these rituals. These rituals are to bring us into an understanding of what the whole year, the whole of God's time, will be. God's time is the seven millenniums. The whole year unto the seventh day when the atonement time when they had that last feast. God is saying to us now that we are entering upon the time of the atonement. In one place the Jews call it Yom Kippur.

God is saying that this is the end gate. This is the end gate. I know that a lot of the people do not believe. I am suffering because I understand that some of the **brethren** do not believe - they are still planning; their children are still going to college and planning for years to come. Well, I want to say to you, brethren, that we are not going to have years to come in normal existence. After this thing happens we are going to be thrown into an end-time move that will bring us three and a half years into the end of this present evil system and God Almighty will usher in His covenant.

Now, it sounds too good to be true. It is nice to preach when you don't expect it to happen tomorrow, but we have come in time to the verge, to the verge, **to the verge** of time where this thing is about to take place. For God's sake, brethren, **believe your Bible. Believe God.** You see, the Lord said that there was a thing that He would do at the end of time and that is to put us under His shadow.

So, today I want to give you this word and, by the grace and the power of Almighty God, I pray that the quickening Spirit of the living God will move through this congregation. Hallelujah. I pray that the quickening Spirit will now move from seat to seat; I pray that the living God will move and will break through our spirit of doubt in those who are standing in the back and those who are on the outside.

I am speaking to the spirit of doubt. In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you to leave this meeting, leave this airwave. Leave now! Wherever the people are hearing the voice of God, you must depart now, for thus saith the Lord God, He will bring judgment to a final end and the people of God must be the victors. We must be in a place of safety. A place of safety!

Are you asking me where? Are you saying that you are making a place of safety for you, yourself and your family, or your brethren? Only God can make a place of safety. Wherever He puts Himself is going to be a place of safety.

I remember when we first came to Mahomet. The word that came through the prophet was that Mahomet, the place where you are now sitting down and where the church was growing, that that was going to be a place of safety. Well, let me tell you that two will be in the bed. Do you hear me? One will be taken and the other left (Luke 17:34). Where was the place of safety? If that bed was the place of safety, both would have been saved. God is saying to us that the place of safety is in the Spirit. ***He that dwelleth*** in the Holy of Holies dwelleth in the place of safety.

Now, consider these words because He is referring to us. "That dwelleth" means that you must live there. You must not be a casual visitor in the place of safety. The priest would go in once a year and come back out, but God is talking about a people who will go in and never come out. Hallelujah. He says that the place of safety that He has organized and arranged for us is in the realm of the Spirit.

Okay, let us just go back a little bit and see what happened there. When God first brought forth humanity, the first 2,000 years was a time when sin grew unbridled. God had anointed certain men and the last of them was Methuselah. He lived for 969 years. That means that he lived for almost a whole millennium and he came to a point that God took him. In fact, Methuselah died the same year that they had the flood. Therefore, I can imagine that those men were persecuted by the people and eventually sin got ahead of God.

Now, I want you to just think of what I am saying here. Sin got ahead of God. But the promise that God

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has given me is that sin will not get ahead of this people who He has anointed, because He says that we will eventually be the deliverers. I don't know if you understand or if you believe it, but God Almighty has written it in the Book. Obadiah 1:21 says, ***And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.*** Saviours. He was talking about not just one Saviour, but there were many saviours. Now you say, "Brother Cec, that is blasphemy." Hallelujah. The Bible says that we should be like Him. ***When he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is*** (I John 3:2).

The Scripture tells us that God has appointed apostles, prophets, evangelists. Prophets! Prophets, I am calling to you. God has appointed prophets, evangelists, shepherds. Shepherds! Hear me, shepherds. Hear me. Are you doing your duty? Shepherds, teachers - why? Ephesians 4:12 says, ***For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.***

Am I speaking idle words? Is it that the saints cannot be perfected? Is it that these people have gone so far that they cannot go back? I'm telling you! Let me tell you something here now, a secret. If we had seen what God was seeing we would have given up on humanity long ago; we would have given up on our children long ago. But God bless you, brethren, you will give up on other people's children, but you won't give up on yours. You will always be crying, "Lord God, have mercy upon that boy." "Have mercy upon that girl." No matter how deep they have gone into sin, no matter where they have roamed from righteousness you will be praying, "Lord God!" You have a hope because it is your child. But God is saying to us that if we had seen people, Christians, people of God, apparently, if we were able to see in their hearts and see deep down, we would have given up on them.

Prophets beware! Beware of what you are seeing! Beware of what you are seeing because what you see may be so for a moment, but if you see Jesus, you will see the cure for every ill that is on earth.

God Almighty is bringing a people to be like Jesus Christ. He says, ***For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.*** ***For the work of the ministry*** does not mean that the prophets and the apostles and the shepherds and the teachers are going to do the work of the ministry - the whole of it. Our work is to work the workers, or to get the workers in shape to work. That is why we

have to suffer. That is why if someone lies or makes a mistake we should not cut him out and throw him away. The Word of the Lord is coming straight to someone in this congregation. Hallelujah. God Almighty says, in the name of Jesus Christ, "You should be loosed from this spirit of giving up on God's people." Hallelujah.

The reason why God is not showing some of us certain things is because we cannot bear it. Hear me. Lord God, have mercy upon me. Help me that I can bear anything that Jesus Christ can bear, for Jesus Christ has seen more of man's sin, more of man's weakness, more of man's problem than I am seeing. Jesus Christ not only wants me to be able to bear it, but also to have compassion upon His children's faults, to have compassion on those who fail, because we have the power to give them life. We cannot exercise the power of life if we are afraid of death.

In other words, here we are. God shows you good things about the brother or the sister and God shows you the bad things about the brother or the sister, but you get the bad things so big before your eyes that you cannot see the good. You cannot see the hope; you cannot see the deliverance because the brother looks so far gone to you. Now, in the name of Jesus, if we had given up on some of you brethren sitting here this morning, you would not be here. But God Almighty says He has set apostles, He has set prophets, He has set evangelists, He has set shepherds and He has set teachers to do the work of the ministry.

Every time I talk about prophets, something happens to me. Every time I touch prophets, something happens to me, for the prophets must not fail us. Brethren, if you know any prophets in your midst, get down on your knees and call to God Almighty for them - for they must not fail us. If the prophets fail, a link is broken between mankind and God. Do you hear me?

We want to see the power of the living God working through the prophets. It is such a pleasure to read Elijah and how God deals with him. But guess what? God deals with the New Testament prophets of today, men and women, in a greater dimension. Don't believe that those of you who are having dreams are not part of the prophetic ministry. This is the reason why I say to some of the sisters, "Please, if you have a dream, for God's sake, call me and tell me."

Very often God is speaking in the congregation, but because we are not "one" we are not hearing. Sometimes somebody talks to you and you just think, "Oh, that is just So and So." Because you reason, you say, "This one couldn't do that," and "That one couldn't do this." I am telling you that I believe anyone can do

anything that the Bible says he can do. If the Word of God tells me that in the last days He is going to raise up prophets in the church and that He is going to bring this church to a point; ***I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people*** (Hebrews 8:10). If my Bible tells me, I believe it, so I will never give up on any man if I see him down there in the trash can. I am going to believe that that man can rise up to praise God and do the will of Almighty God.

We don't have much time. We don't have much time to do the rest of what God wants us to do. When I am through, I pray by the grace of God Almighty that we all might realize where we are, because what I have discovered is that most of the brethren don't know where they are.

If I had a child who was of the age to go to college I would not send him now. I am just going to drop that with you. But what I want to say to you, my beloved brethren, is that you must live, dwell - you must be a dweller in the Holy of Holies.

Now, in the Old Testament, the priests were not dwellers in the Holy of Holies. Yes, they only came and went, but God is saying that ***He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty*** (Psalm 91:1).

Okay. Come on now. The Lord says to me, "Speak to this people about ***the shadow***, about being ***under the shadow of the Almighty***," so I am talking to you about the ***shadow of the Almighty***. Now, it says here that in order to be safe at all times you have to ***dwell***, you have to ***live there***. It is not just going and coming in and out. No, no. It is a ***dwelling***. You must ***dwell*** in the secret place of the most High. THEN, if you ***dwell*** there you will ***abide*** under the shadow of the Almighty. Why? Because that is where the Almighty is overshadowing.

When earth begins to shatter, when destruction and death and hell begin to reign, there is only one place of hiding and it is under the shadow of the Almighty. Beloved brethren, take this confidence before I move from this Scripture, please take this confidence. Say in your hearts, "***Lord God, I want to live in the Spirit so that I might be living under total protection.***" Total protection, no matter where you are. Hallelujah. Total protection. Hallelujah.

I remember once I was at home and I was just reading my Bible and God said, "Get up and go down and

meet that sister who is coming from church at this time." I ran outside and down towards where the church was. I was just in time to see a man creeping up to attack her. I went right up and when he saw me he laughed and backed off. ***Under the shadow of the Almighty***. Before we move from this Scripture, make sure that you have that covenant.

I am not saying that, "Oh, praise God. I've got that shadow now." Oh no. You are going to believe. Once you believe - He said that he that ***dwelleth*** in the Spirit, the secret place of the Most High, shall abide. Do you see the Holy of Holies that God is talking about? If you dwell in the realm of the Spirit you will be under the shadow of the Almighty.

Let me explain the Spirit business to you. Man is spirit, soul and body. Man first receives the fullness of Christ in his spirit, so that in your spirit there can be no problem, no mistakes. No mistakes - you should follow the Spirit. But (you want to hear this now) because Satan knows this, Satan's business is to keep you off balance.

All right. Here we are coming back to the natural. If you are concentrating on this battle that you have with this enemy, if the enemy can distract you, if you can be distracted - then you will be off balance. The enemy will have one up on you. God said, "If you dwell in the secret place..." The man is spirit, soul

and body. Now, when you receive the

baptism of the Holy Ghost that means that you have the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen. You can't have one without the other. You have the Father and you have the Son and you have the Holy Ghost. But guess what? Where do you have them? In your secret place - in your spirit.

So, you have the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost in your spirit. That sounds to me like heaven. It means that God has come down. This is what God sent Jesus for, to send the Blood first to cleanse the man so that the Spirit can come into his spirit. His Spirit with our spirit testifies to our spirit that we are the sons of God. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God (Romans 8:16). Hallelujah. You are a son of God in your spirit and you are less in your soul. So, what God wants to do is to make

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the realm of the soul like the realm of the spirit so that God would be in the soul like He is in the spirit. This is what the whole Bible is about. That God that you know of in heaven came down. You must have heard it. He came down in the shape of a Man in order that we might go up. Hallelujah. He wanted to lift man out of his LOW human estate in to a Godly higher place. So, He brought Jesus and Jesus shed His Blood so that we would have forgiveness of sin and be able to ascend into that higher place.

You will live under the shadow of the Almighty. The Almighty is telling us now that if we were not dwellers before that we should not leave this meeting until we make an assurance of where our dwelling place is. We want to dwell in the Spirit. The devil wants to get you riled up over every little thing. He comes in with this and he comes in with that and this one says this and the other one says that and you are all riled up.

Let us be like the duck. Let the water just fall off of our backs and not soak into us. You know, if God didn't make a duck like that, when the water comes down he would just be wet all the while. But the duck is dry because he has some feathers that are well oiled. I sit down and watch a duck oiling his feathers. Anytime you see him oiling his feathers, it means it is going to rain. Hallelujah. We need to oil our feathers so that what the devil is doing will not matter to us; it won't touch us, it won't disturb us, it won't faze us.

Let us then begin to see what Jesus is seeing. Now, from what I understand from the Lord, He wants to show us a lot of things but He cannot because we are not in the place where we could take these things. I know one day a brother came and he confessed certain sins to the brethren and the brothers couldn't take it. I don't know if they have forgiven him yet of the sins that God forgave him for. Brethren, we must be in a position where we can see the wrong and know that **God has given us the power to change wrong to right.**

You know, I have children and this young man got away from me. We had him in church up to his teens. All of a sudden he had to move out because he was a man now. So, he goes out there and he gets married and so and so and the devil starts working on him. Now, remember, the devil has to destroy this man because this man is going to give the devil a lot of trouble according to his training and his spirit. The devil knows that so he got down on this young man to destroy him.

Mother and I began to pray. We never gave up on the boy. We never gave him up. If you give him up,

who is going to stand for him when all the forces of darkness are coming down? They want your children because your children are supposed to grow up with a greater spiritual energy than what you had, for you have given them a head-start. Don't you understand? Satan wants to destroy them, but they are the generation that must rise up and stand in the gate with the enemy.

So, satan took this boy far and our hearts grieved, but mothers never give up. Amen. A mother never gives up her child; never gives him or gives her up no matter what they are doing. God Almighty can turn him around just like that. Proverbs 22:6 says, ***Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.***

When he is old, you have to wait until he is old. Well, bless God, this man wasn't old, but God Almighty took a hold of him. I'm telling you that he is so bent on God now that morning, noon and night, everything is God. So, I have to thank God and tell you that you must not give up.

He that dwelleth, he that has his address, your address, where you live, is in the Spirit. So, when Satan wants you he has to go talk to the Holy Ghost before he can get there, but you know what will happen. ***He that dwelleth in the secret place***, in the Holy of Holies, that secret place where God and man meet, where the priest stands up and the Shekinah Glory begins to shine between the two cherubims and the man cannot stand and he falls down before God and God begins to deal with him... Hallelujah. Now it is different.

Let's go back a little bit because I need to show you some things that have happened to other men. God had a covenant. The first covenant was with Adam. He had a covenant with Noah and He had a covenant with Jesus Christ.

I want you to remember that we are covenant people. Regardless of what is happening to us, we are covenant people and we are going to do according to what God wants us to do for our time. You see, for Noah's time there was a certain covenant that he had. For Moses' time, there was a certain covenant that he had. He said that it was not according to the old covenant, but according to the new covenant. Let's look at it in Genesis 6:18, ***But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.*** ¹⁹***And of every living thing of all flesh...*** God was talking about a covenant of LIFE when death was reigning. Death was about to reign in the earth. Death was about to take every living thing from the earth. **Do you know that we are facing that same time now?**

Do you know that the earth faced death three times?

The first time was with Noah. Two thousand years after that, Brother Paul says in Romans... God Almighty blessed Brother Paul as a mighty man of God. The Spirit of the living God must have been upon this man. I was so shocked to hear someone say, "Oh, Paul - that is not Scripture." Lord, have mercy on such a person who thinks such.

Go to Romans 5:14, ***Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses.*** Moses was the man who stopped the death angel. Death had lost its power to reign. Did you hear that? Let's go back. Noah did not have the power over death. Noah had the power to save his wife, his sons, their wives and two of every living thing in the earth so that he could start the world all over again. Yet they would die. Everybody would perish. But God gave Noah that part; that was the Noahaic covenant.

The Mosaic covenant was different. He was not going to save two of every living creature on earth, neither was he just going to save his wife, his sons, their wives and themselves, but God was about to save a whole nation.

With Noah we see one type of covenant, but with Moses there was a more powerful type of covenant that saved more people. The covenant of Moses was that he was going to save the people of Israel. The night when the death angel came in, the death angel did not have power over certain residences. I want you to understand that it was not just Israelites that were saved. Many of the believing (come on now, that is the key word), many of the believing Egyptians went to the houses of their friends and got into the houses because it was going to save their lives. They put their firstborns in the houses of the Israelites. When the death angel came - it was not that the death angel did not visit the Israelites. The death angel didn't know better. Do you hear me? The devil doesn't know better. He believes he can fight and win with everybody, but God has made a people who are to overcome. God has given us the power ***over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you*** (Luke 10:19).

Let's look at Exodus 12:13. ***And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.*** On the houses! Not on the people, on the houses where you are. Now, to us He says in Luke 10:19, ***Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*** Serpents. He is talking about the big ones,

the spiritual serpents and the spiritual scorpions. So then we see that Moses stopped death. So much so that God told Moses, "Go up the mountain and you offer a sacrifice as you generally do." (Moses never went into the presence of God unless he would offer a sacrifice.) "When you go up there you are going to die."

So, Moses told them goodbye and he went up to the mountain. The Scripture did not explain in details that he stopped death, but satan came and wanted the body of Moses. You can imagine that satan was trying to contradict what God had said. He wanted the body of Moses and the angel of God looked at him and said, "You know better. Shame on you." We look at Jude 1:9. ***Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*** In other words, "You know better than that." We are saying that Moses was able to stop death even to his own death, so that when Jesus Christ was transfigured on the mountain, appearing to Him was Moses and Elias. Hallelujah. Amen. Moses and Elias were two people who never went through death in the normal sense of the word. Elijah went up in a chariot of fire. Both of them appeared at the transfiguration with Jesus Christ. So, Jesus was telling us that He is bringing forth a body of people who will go up that way. Hallelujah. Death will not have the power over them that death has over ordinary people. Anyhow, let us not go into that - it would take the rest of the day to deal with that subject - but let us think of what God is saying here.

If you dwell in the secret place... let's take it down a little bit. If you dwell in the Spirit, if you apply the Spirit of God and the Word of God to everything in your life, then you will dwell in the Spirit. If you dwell in the Spirit then you will be under God's protection. Let's put it easily. You will be under God's protection so that nothing will be able to destroy you. I know that when you see the thing coming down upon you that you will cry out and get frightened. But God is saying, "Hold on." Now cement it in your heart that ***He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty*** (Psalm 91:1). Know that nothing on earth is made to destroy you.

I said to Jesus one day (I felt so good about God and everything), "God, no devil can destroy Your earth. No devil can destroy Your earth."

He said, "Oh, yes, he can."



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“What?”

“Yes, he can.”

I said, “My Lord, what do You mean?”

He said, “But for the elect’s sake”...

Go to the Scriptures. But for the elect’s sake no flesh should be saved (Mark 13:20). Let’s take that Word back to Noah. “*But for the elect’s sake*” (Noah and his family) “*no flesh should be saved.*” Come back to Moses. “*But for the elect’s sake*” (Moses) “*no flesh should be saved.*” Come back to Jesus. “*But for the elect’s sake...*”

Who are these elect? We have touched on it before, but some people probably didn’t hear. The elect are those who are selected by God for this very time and for this very purpose. Now, every time in the history of humanity God would select Himself a certain people. Do you know that you are one of them? Let me tell you. God has placed in the church apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers (Ephesians 4:11). Amen..

Prophets, I challenge you in the name of Jesus Christ - WAKE UP! Amen. Hallelujah. You know, when you are preaching you can hear some things. When I said, “WAKE UP,” I could hear Brother Peter say, “...and smell the coffee.” Praise be to God. If God Almighty is telling you that for our time He has selected certain people, then those people, the people they minister to, are also the elect. So, **He selects the elect to select the elect.** Hallelujah.

God is saying that the ministries that are appointed by men - hear me now - the ministries that are appointed by men are not the elect. **They are not selected of God.** Every man who ministers should be selected by God. Amen. He should know the time. He should know the place. He should know the charge that he is given. Hallelujah. For every man that is selected of God comes into a special covenant. Amen. Hallelujah. He comes into a special covenant with God. Amen. We are covenant people. We are under a certain rule, a certain regulation, a certain promise. “If you will walk in this thing that I have given you; if you will seek Me; if you will stay with Me, you will be at peace.” Hallelujah.

You will speak the Word and God will put a cover-

ing upon someone who is not worthy of being covered. Did you hear that? That is what God says. That is the freedom or the power that we have. He said, ***All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth*** (Matthew 28:18). Hallelujah.

Then He said, ***Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature*** (Mark 16:15).

I told you how the brother preached to his donkey. Wherever he is now, he might be hearing me, but he preached to his donkey. He was riding in from the field with all his produce and everything on this donkey, and the donkey fell down, fainted and was about to die. The brother dropped to his knees and said, “No, God! Heal this donkey!” The donkey got up. I know the donkey respected that man much more after that and they worked as a team together. Bless the Lord God, He said to ***preach the gospel to every creature. Every creature!***

You know, Paul the apostle preached to the snake. Do you remember that? He was putting the wood in the fire and the serpent fastened onto his hand and

everybody was looking for Paul to drop dead. Paul just shook him off. He said, “I rebuke you.” Amen. “How dare you come and try to kill that which God has given life? Is the minister of God to be killed by a serpent? NO! NO! Infradig! Go into the fire, you serpent.”

Thus saith the Lord God Almighty, “Sons of God, arise!” You are a selected people. You are elected. The people who hear this word and believe it are selected people. We

are ordained to save the world. Hallelujah. Did you hear me? We are ordained to save the world and at this very moment **God is sealing His people in their foreheads.** As you sit and listen to the Word of God you can hear and feel the power of the living God coming over you. It is the sealing with which God is sealing His people. Hallelujah.

And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD’S (Obadiah 1:21). We are not talking about when we are gone to heaven. We are talking about this heaven down here and that you and I have been ordained of God. This is the reason why we have this message. I couldn’t preach this message to a nominal church. They would all go home. They would walk out.

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of life that you have not
known before.

God Almighty is saying to this people, to this church, "The hour of life is now. The Almighty is giving forth His life to those who can receive it. Receive the Word and enter into a new dimension of life that you have not known before." Hallelujah. Amen.

Now, you talk about righteousness. Righteousness at one time was "thou shalt do this" and "thou shalt not do that." That time has passed. Righteousness is now believing God. Hallelujah. God said: **Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness** (Romans 4:3).

God Almighty says that if you will believe Him you will be righteous. Amen. If you believe Him He will tell you what to do and what not to do. If you believe Him He will steer you away from the darkness and every trap and snare that Satan would set for the people of God. He will deliver you. Hallelujah. "I will deliver him because He hath known My name." Hallelujah. Psalm 91:14 says, **therefore will I deliver him... because he hath known my name.**

I had hoped to get through the whole chapter here, but it seems I am stuck in the first verse of Psalm 91. **He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.** Now, to dwell in that secret place you MUST believe God. Come on, brethren. You must believe what God says and that what He means becomes a part of your life and it sinks down from your spirit into your soul; it goes down from your soul into your mind; it goes down into your emotions, and then into your will and then your desires. You will find that Jesus Christ will begin to walk in you, walk through you, walk by you. Sometimes you walk among men and the Spirit of God will just touch them all around you. You go to do business with someone and afterward he says, "But why did I do this?" Amen.

God Almighty is anointing His people now. Hallelujah. You know, you look at the hand and you say the thumb is the apostle, the next finger is the prophet and the tall finger is the evangelist with the outreach. The next finger is the shepherd and the little finger there is the teacher. How do you think those fingers work? Look at me wiggle my fingers. The command is coming from somewhere way up and then there is something more. It is working by a spirit. Look at my fingers; they are working by a spirit. WHY? The Spirit takes a hold of my mind and I want to wiggle them and so I do it.

Have you ever heard a person play an instrument in the Spirit? I want you musicians to get into a NEW dimension of performance. I want you to pray now and when you leave here, pray that Almighty God

would anoint your fingers, would anoint your voices, would anoint your soul. I mean, I have heard anointed voices even in this morning's singing there. I could have stayed there all day, except I had to stop to give you the Word of God. But the Lord God Almighty is anointing His Body.

Do you hear what He calls you? A Body! A Body! Amen. **From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love** (Ephesians 4:16). Do you understand that all those words mean one thing? It means that God works through you, God works in you, God works by you and God works for you. Hallelujah. So, God Almighty is speaking to His people and He is saying to you, my beloved brethren, "Walk in the Spirit! Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).

I must bring this last idea that this chapter has. It says that if you live in the Spirit, if you follow after the Spirit, then the Spirit will live in you and it will bring forth fruit and it will bring forth deliverance. It will bring forth fruit, bring forth deliverance, and bring forth strength.

THEN - hear this now. God is now speaking to the last batch of covenant people. Amen. Yes, the last batch of covenant people. What is He saying? First of all, we see a picture given us in Revelation 7. The picture says that there were four angels who were given the power to destroy the earth.

Revelation 7:1, **And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth** (the carnal realm), **holding the four winds of the earth** (the carnal realm), **that the wind should not blow on the earth** (the carnal realm), **nor on the sea** (the nations), **nor on any tree.** Brethren, trees mean the Christians that stand tall.

This is a sure and direct Word I say to Almighty God, "May the Spirit of the Living God help you to believe it." Those of you who feel you are not believing it properly say unto the Lord, "Help me, Lord. Help me!" and I am sure that the anointing of the blessed God will fall upon you right now and lift you out of the darkness of unbelief and doubt.

The *tree* in Revelation 7:1 means the Christians, the tall ones standing up. For believe you me, if hell is coming on earth then we are going to be in sackcloth and ashes. We are not going to be having a good time. Hallelujah. We are not going to be having a good



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time. We don't care for our lives, because we want to see the people saved more than we want to live a natural life. We will have immortality already, so we don't have to worry about that part of it.

But God Almighty said that these destructions are determined against the earth realm. Revelation 7:2, **And I saw another angel...** I just read another angel for you - a fifth one. Did you see it? **And I saw another angel ascending** (from the earth) **from the east** (mind of Christ), **having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea.**

If you ascend, brethren, you must be coming from earth, you must be coming from the carnal realm. But you are ascending from the east - the east is having the mind of Christ. This is what is happening to you, brethren, listening to the Word of God by the power of the living God. You are being sealed. Remember, the Lord says that He gives us the power to preach the gospel and to seal man.

...and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels. "Don't you touch this man until I have sealed him in his forehead, in his mind." Hallelujah. Hear me now! **...and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,** the nations. The earth: the carnal realm and the sea: the nations. Hurt the earth - no food, no water, no electricity, nothing at all that we are used to. We are going to be deprived of the best things: this beautiful internet connection, don't you see satan doesn't like it although he carries on with so much rascality upon the internet? Thank You, Jesus Christ, that we have sanctified it today, although satan had called it his realm and his place. We have taken it away from him now to use for the glory of God.

Verse 3, **Saying, Hurt not the earth...** "No! You don't touch the carnal realm." **Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.** That means in your mind, that is where you are receiving the sealing. Even at this very moment you are receiving the seal of the living God in your minds.

Brethren, make up your minds. "I am going to be part of God's business, live or die." Don't think about your life, but just begin to **praise God that you are one of the anointed ones**, from the littlest ones to the greatest, because what you think great might be small and those of you who think yourself to be too small, you might be big in God and you don't even know it.

But thus saith the Lord God, "This is the time of

the sealing of the saints." This is the time when God is sealing His saints in their foreheads and they are going to be able to seal others. Look at what it says here. Verse 3, **Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till...** TILL WHO? TILL WHO? **...till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.**

How come one angel became **we**? It is because he is talking about the many-membered Body of the elect. The many-membered Body is a Body of the elect. We are sealing many saviours coming up on the mount of Zion. So, God's stronghold is coming, coming, coming. Don't be afraid, brethren. Don't give up, brethren. Don't say, "Oh, these people are no good, they are done, they are finished." You are no judge of what is no good. If you want to know what no good is, you should have met me some years ago. Amen. Then you would find out what is no good. I'd beat the day-lights out of you. Praise be to God. But God said that He will take the base things of the earth to confound the wise and the prudent (I Corinthians 1:27).

Thus saith the Lord God, "Let the people know that they are valuable in the sight of God." **You are valuable in the sight of God.** Glory to God. Glory to His holy name. Thus saith the Lord God, "The people of God who have been sent under the anointing of God, who believe the Word of God, are valuable in the sight of Almighty God and they shall not fail." Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah.

You have heard about the coming of Jesus for some time. One man is preaching that Jesus is coming and that He is going to set His foot down on Mount Zion, Jerusalem, and all the saints will have to gather to Mount Zion. I just have a word for him. Hallelujah. You are the Mount Zion of the living God. We are the Mount Zion of the living God. When God said that He is going to plant His foot upon Mount Zion it means that He is coming into my mountain. Amen. He is coming into my high places. He is not coming into my low down places. He is coming into my high places: the high places of my heart, the high places of my soul, the high places of my mind will be occupied by the living God. Hallelujah. Amen.

Thank You, Jesus. Let unbelief go. You doubters, in the name of Jesus Christ, I rebuke you all. Amen. Go, leave this place. Let the sons of God hear the Word of God. Hallelujah. Amen. He said He is coming in our high places and His feet will rest on Mount Zion. We are the Mount Zion of the living God. When God says, "Zion, lift up your heads," He is talking to a people whom He has anointed, who are His chosen ones, His Zion company. Let me tell you something.

That Scripture in II Thessalonians 1:10 says, ***When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.*** He is coming within you, my brother, within you, my sister; you little ones that don't think much of yourself, God is coming in you. Not will come, not may come, but IS at this present moment coming in you. Let Him reach the heights. Allow Him to come and climb your mountains. Hallelujah. Climb your mountains steep and tall, the song says. Let every image now fall that the Spirit of God may reign.

Let Him climb your mountains. He is coming in you. The things I used to think I think no more. The things I used to do I do them no more. It was a process that grew upon me rather than a one-time endowment. It was a process that came down in me over the years. Little by little He's changing me. Line upon line He is changing me. Precept upon precept until I see, Jesus is changing me. So it is with you. Let God Almighty reign within His temple, for the hour has come where this whole thing will come to a point where they will admire. There is somebody out there who will admire. Hallelujah. Christ coming out through your fingernails. Christ coming out through your eyes. Christ coming out through your body, through your very presence in a place and Jesus Christ coming out through it. Loose! Amen. Hallelujah.

You know, I remember when we were in India many, many years ago. Brother Jerry Gadwa and Brother Gordon Gerber were there with us in India in those dark days. The Lord came upon Jerry Gadwa and he began to sing the song, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my Word shall not pass away." So they taught us to sing it in the Telugu language. It was such a blessing. All of India was quickened and to this day we are quickened by one quickening that Jesus Christ has given upon His servant.

Function in that which God has called you. Hallelujah. Christ wants to appear in you, but He also wants to appear in the very area that He has called you, so that the musician will get Christ coming on him in the music and it will spread over the congregation. Amen. Brethren, you fast and pray that you might come and sing into a congregation and that when you sing, that congregation will be struck with the power of the living God. This is what we are talking about. God within us.

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). A mystery! A mystery I am talking

to you about, brethren. A mystery ***which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*** Loose Christ in us! Beloved brethren, let me come down. I hardly want to, but let me come down. Praise be to God.

You see, the Word of God comes to me and, you see, I read about those four angels that were standing, holding, ready to go. **WE ARE TALKING ABOUT NOW.** I want you to know that it is the year 2008. I want you to know that hell is ready to let loose!

Let's turn our Bibles around and I want you to see this situation, because God has put it very clearly in the Word and we have not seen it.

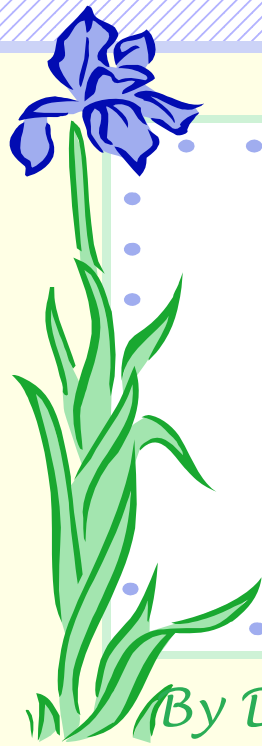
Revelation 9 and let's look at the 13th verse, ***And the sixth angel sounded...*** In Scripture, the sixth angel means war. ***...and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,*** WHY? Why would the sixth angel sound and the fifth angel answer? Because the fifth station in the tabernacle is where the priest gave up his life. He took a bunch of incense and he said, "Lord God, for my sins and for the sins of Israel," and he put it on the altar and it caught fire and the smoke went up and God accepted it. So, God is saying that at that fifth altar you have to make that offering, that sacrifice before God **before** you are ready to meet the sixth angel.

Verse 14, ***Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.*** Which four? It says **the** four. When the Scripture uses a definite article, it means a special four angels that you have heard about before. Where were they? The four angels of Revelation 7 are going to be loosed, but we are going to get some more information about these four angels.

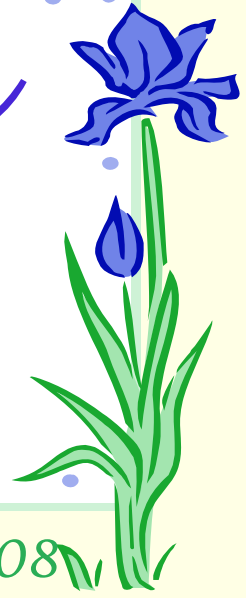
Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. He is talking about the Middle East. Loose the four angels out of the Middle East, out of Babylon. Are you hearing me? ***Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.*** What is that? What is that? What are we talking about? Four angels bound in a river? Let me tell you, brethren. When man got away and got bad, God could only restrict man. Nimrod. God could only restrict him by chaining him. There were four spirits that they had that Babylon was built upon alongside the Euphrates River. God is only using the word Euphrates to let you know He is talking about an area that was fed by the Euphrates River. This area is a Muslim area, an exact area of Islam; all of those places are Islam.

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Confidence in the Lord



By Debbie Sigwarth August 1st, 2008

I have a lot of thoughts/short testimonies that I'd like to share with you that God has given to me in the last year.

In November of 2007, over the course of three days, God exposed two very large fallacies that I had been operating under for quite a while. They were: being fearful of a great many things and believing the lie that God couldn't move through me till I had made myself perfect first - but I realized that it's God working through us that makes us perfect. Yeah, I was pretty messed up mentally. I realize this now but back then I thought it was a very logical way of thought. There really isn't much that I can do on my own... my power and authority are in Jesus Christ alone. If the Lord gives me a word of encouragement, then I must let Him speak through me and not be afraid of being wrong, but again- **I'm** quite imperfect by myself.

I'm rather an avid note-taker. I love going back in my church book and reading notes from the conferences. They get me so excited! Brother Jantzi shared a word about

change that really cleared everything up for me and encouraged me as well. He said, "We're going to come out of that natural thing - that thing that we've hidden ourselves in - when we hear that God is moving." That was my cry after Nebraska - that I would come out of my natural ways and thoughts and be in the movement of God. So, God being God©, the first thing He did was take me out of my safe and comfortable home environment for the month of December and bring me down to Mahomet to help Melissa Trotter when she was expecting Timothy, right after Anna was released from the hospital. That was definitely a time of trial and stretching for me. I have a wonderful Mommy that I can talk to about anything and my Daddy whom I know will always protect me and I have depended on them for years. Being in Mahomet, I suddenly couldn't get hugs every night, and I didn't have any one to tell my concerns to. I was there to serve others and to help make their day easier, which is rewarding work, but there was no one to take care of me. Who was I sup-

posed to talk to? I'm a reserved person; sharing my thoughts with just anyone wasn't something I was comfortable with. I was begging God soon after I got there: "I'm too homesick! Please help me handle this." And He answered rather clearly, "Don't you think I can take care of you? I can listen to you and I can protect you. Why don't you try Me?" It was a good challenge for me. I started talking to God about **everything!** All my thoughts and my worries. It wasn't easy - I still missed my family, but I knew at the end of the three weeks that I didn't **need** my family to survive or to have a relationship with God. That experience has given me a lot more confidence in God. I **know** now that He does care about little Debbie. Being in a large family, you occasionally get the feeling that among strangers you get lost in the crowd of Sigwarths. Not so with God. He knows where I am and what I need to experience that will get me to the place He needs me to be at. I also found God to be sufficient to take care of my family as well. Sounds funny, doesn't it? As

if I could do a better job! But when I was in Mahomet, a trial happened to my family at home and I was too far away to be of any help. All I could do was go to God about the situation, which was exactly what He wanted me to do.☺ Isn't God marvelous?

The confidence in Him that He gave me encouraged me to return to Mahomet in June to help Shannon Asbill around the birth of her daughter, Miranda. I will have been here for two months- the longest I have ever been away from home or family. But I've discovered you can have "family" in many places. The Lord has been a loving God this past month. He's given me opportunities to see my family on the 4th of July, Camp Week, and Nate and Kate's wedding, but He's also given me opportunities to mortify my flesh and to learn more of His ways.

The most recent lesson came during Camp. I was - for the first time - put in charge of Chloe and Allie Asbill. I was going to be their "Mom" during that week, making sure that they were healthy, happy, obedient, and understanding the teachings and lessons... all that was my responsibility. I wanted to do a

good job - so, of course, the first night there all I could hear was the devil telling me how young and inexperienced I was for the job. But my Mom calmed me down and then I was into the hectic life of Camp. I had worried that most of the Word was going over their heads but one day, I put Allie down for a nap and she told me how Jesus rescued her from Doubting castle. The last day of the activities, Allie was warned to

not let go of the rope. Mrs. Sigwarth told her that if she stayed on the rope she would be safe. Even when a moaning, cloaked person came out from behind the trees, Allie didn't let go of the rope. She believed Mrs. Sigwarth that she would be safe there. After camp, I was still questioning whether I had done all I could. God brought these two incidents to mind and told me that now Allie knows that Jesus will rescue her and that obedience is the safest place to be and that I didn't need to do anything to make that happen. I just had to obey Him, and He took care of the rest. He'll make sure His

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children understand exactly what they need to.

Mr. Chatic shared a verse - I'm sure I've read it before but it really hit home that Wednesday night at camp. He read in II Timothy 2:4, ***No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.*** That is so clear cut... and wise. I so often forget the spiritual realm and who we are really fighting against. In the natural realm, when a man goes to war, he leaves his home life, his natural responsibilities and the natural distractions of the place he lives in and goes to fight in the battle. But we are called to live our natural lives while we are fighting a spiritual battle. "Occupy till I come" is how my mom likes to put it. We are to find God's will for our life - the place we are supposed to live, the job we are supposed to have, the ministry that we are to participate in and then we must fulfill our natural responsibilities with a heavenly perspective. We can't entangle ourselves with a carnal perspective of the situation. Is there a day coming when we will immediately see what God wants to do in a situation? I hope so. But wow! It's hard to get your mind to forget its depressing thoughts. I've been reading Romans 8 a lot this past week. Romans is definitely one of my favorite books of the Bible because there are so many nuggets of wisdom, encouragements, but also challenges to be met. Subduing that carnal mind is a main theme running through chapter 8...

So those are my recent testimonies right up till now... God is good and I am His child. ☺



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angels that are bound in Islam. Those four are loosed. Another time we will talk about three more (angels) that are being loosed from the same area. So, we are talking about the doctrines of Islam coming from those four angels, to destroy those who won't bow to them.

So, here we are in time. God spoke to those brothers - they didn't know what they were writing. Yes, some of the churches have discarded Revelation as foolishness. But thus saith the Lord God, "You release these four angels that are bound in the River Euphrates and let them now do the job they would have done." WHY? Now listen! They were so bad that God had to chain them and put them up for a long season. But they have their rights and at the end of time they must be loosed. But why is God going to loose them? Is He going to loose them to destroy your world? He said, "No! But for the elect's sake no flesh would be saved" (Mark 13:20).

Let me close. God has loosed four angels, but He has also loosed His sons. The sons of God will overthrow the darkness of the Euphrates and bring light and deliverance to humanity. Hallelujah. Let us abide under the shadow of the Almighty for this is our only hope. God bless you in Jesus' mighty name. You are going to have a wonderful convention; **WE** are going to have it for I will be right here with you. Hallelujah. Amen. Thank you. God bless you, brethren, in the name of Jesus. Amen. ✨

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